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MAIN GERMAN THRUST THROUGH THE BALTIC STATES FROM EAST PRUSSIA AGAINST LITHUANIA

Rumoured Landing Of Nazi Troops In Riga Bay

STOCKHOLM, June 23 (Reuter)—WHILE NEWS OF OPERATIONS IS SCANTY, THE TIDING'S BERLIN CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE YESTERDAY EVENING INDICATES THAT THE MAIN GERMAN THRUST IS THROUGH THE BALTIC STATES FROM EAST PRUSSIA AGAINST LITHUANIA AND LATVIA, WHICH GROUND IS MORE FAVOURABLE AS THE POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO WELCOME THE GERMANS AS LIBERATORS.

The objective here is to cut off the Russians from Baltic ports. It is rumoured that German troops have landed on Riga Bay.

It is claimed the Germans penetrated 100 kilometres into Russia but the places are not specified though some reports say Brestlitovsk and Bialystok are taken.

THE GERMANS EXPECT TO REACH THE URAL IN AUGUST. THEY DO NOT AIM AT OCCUPYING THE WHOLE SOVIET TERRITORY BUT DRIVING THE RUSSIANS FROM THE BALTIC AND OCCUPYING THE UKRAINE AND SOUTH RUSSIA INCLUDING THE CAUCASIAN OILFIELDS.

Berlin expects the Stalin Regime would not stand the strain but be soon overthrown due to internal opposition.

SOVIET-GERMAN WAR CAUSED GREATER SHOCK THAN PACT IN 1939

TOKYO, June 23 (Reuter) — The Soviet-German war caused greater world shock than the Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact two years ago, asserts the ASAHI SHIMBUN in an editorial this morning.

Reporting a telephone conversation with Berlin, the correspondent of the Asahi says that the declaration of war UTTERLY DUMFOUNDED THE GERMAN PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED THE GERMAN PRESS ASSERTIONS OF THE IMMINENCE OF STILL GREATER FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE SOVIETS.

NAZI NAVAL UNITS SHELLED BY RUSSIANS

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter)—A German High Command communique states that a combined German and Rumanian formation of light naval units was shelled by Russian coastal batteries in the Black Sea today.

Unconfirmed reports speak of the bombing of Odessa by German planes.

FINN WORKS ATTACKED
STOCKHOLM, June 23 (Reuter)—Soviet planes attacked Finnish defence works, warships and merchant ships in the Aabo Archipelago.

Helingsfors had an air alert shortly after midnight, lasting 25 minutes, and yesterday Aabo had a 50-minute alarm but no bombs were dropped.

PORTUGUESE SHIP SUNK

Great indignation has been aroused over the sinking of the Portuguese steamer Ganda by an unknown submarine.

A trawler has landed 20 survivors at Lisbon and 40 passengers and members of the crew are missing.

R.A.F. CARRY OUT WARNING BY CHURCHILL

Carrying out Mr. Churchill's warning that Germany will be bombed by day and by night in ever increasing measure, R.A.F. bombers and fighter escorts swept across the Channel at dawn yesterday.

Unofficial reports from the English coast stated that the raid was heavy.

Observers described how the bombers, escorted by the fighters, flew in perfect formation over the green waters of the Channel.

"DOING A GOOD JOB OF WORK"

CANBERRA, June 23 (Reuter)—"It is obvious that any one killing a German for us is doing a good job of work," said the Prime Minister, MR. R. G. MENZIES, commenting on the Russo-German hostilities.

Referring to the banning of Communists, he stated that the Commonwealth Government's attitude towards subversive activities was based on domestic reasons and not international tie-up.

Mr. Menzies added that he was awaiting official advice from Britain before commenting on Mr. Churchill's broadcast speech.

Chungking political quarters have warned Moscow to beware of an attack on the Russian eastern frontier by Japan because the Japan-Russian Neutrality Pact was very much weaker than the Tripartite Pact.

The German News Agency states that Russian planes raided East Prussia last night, causing "only slight material damage and a few injured."

Moscow's PRAVDA today publishes a long article by the well-known leader, M. Yaroslavsky, entitled "The Great National War," according to the Moscow Radio.

"Two hundred million of our people know well what they are fighting for. The feeling of Soviet patriotism might be turned into a torrent which will break down all obstacles in its course."

"The enemy will be defeated. Victory will be ours."

M. Yaroslavsky stresses the need of increasing production and of helping the Red Army and Red Air Force.

"We must all feel as though we were part of the Red Army," he adds.

PIERCED FIGHTING

A claim to have repulsed German troops after fierce fighting is made in a communique issued by the

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FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION OF MR. MATSUOKA

Mr. Joseph Grew, United States Ambassador to Japan, yesterday lodged an emphatic protest against the bombing of the American Embassy in Chungking.

Mr. Grew did not wait for an appointment with Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, but called at the Foreign Ministry and left the note marked "Urgent. For Mr. Matsuoka's personal attention."

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Today's News Summary

NEWS OF OPERATIONS IN THE Russo-German war is scanty. It appears that the main German thrust is through the Baltic States from East Prussia against Lithuania and Latvia. There are rumoured landings of German troops in Riga Bay. The Germans, it is added, expect to reach the Ural in August. Strict black-out is being observed in Moscow where the populace is calm while awaiting for air attacks.

THE R.A.F. ARE IMPLEMENTING Mr. Churchill's warning of increased bombing of Germany by day and by night. Press comment is that now is the time to lash the Western front of the Nazis with all the power we can develop.

AMERICAN PRESS REACTION TO the latest German act of unprovoked aggression is that the United States redouble their efforts and one Louisville paper goes so far as to say, "Now, at once, is the time to go to war."

THE OFFICIAL CHINESE ORGAN Central Daily News expresses confidence in an ultimate victory for the Soviet.

"THE UNITED STATES MUST MAKE EVERY OF ITS GREAT ENERGIES EFFECTIVE NOW", DECLARES N.Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE

Louisville Courier Says To Go To War At Once

NEW YORK, June 23 (Reuter)—"THIS IS THE MOMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO THROW INTO THE WAR ON THE WESTERN FRONT EVERY BOMBER, EVERY FIGHTER AND EVERY PURSUIT PLANE THAT CAN POSSIBLY BE SPARED FROM HER OWN ARMY AND NAVY. SWIFT ACTION NOW WILL BE DOUBLY REWARDED," says the NEW YORK TIMES.

"It is idle to say that the war on Russia leaves the American position unaffected. It is folly to say that this will give us more time to prepare. NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT."

"The United States must make every of its great energies effective now," says the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE.

The CHICAGO TIMES says: "One thing alone is certain. We must redouble our determination

German Supply Ship Intercepted

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announces that the German steamer BABITONGA (4,422 tons) which has been acting as a supply ship has been intercepted by our patrols in the Atlantic.

The Babbitonga which has been taking refuge in Brazilian waters since the outbreak of war and which cleared from Santos on April 24 for Vladivostok has been intercepted in the Atlantic by British patrols.

The Admiralty communique states: "German steamship Babbitonga of 4,422 tons which has been acting as supply ship has been intercepted by our patrols."

"She had been taking refuge in Brazilian waters since the outbreak of war and sailed from Santos on April 24 having cleared for Vladivostok."

"Included in her cargo at that time were 1,000 tons diesel oil in drums."

"When intercepted two months later in the Atlantic the Babbitonga was disguised as a Dutch merchant ship. She was then making her way to the German-occupied port of Brest."

A.R.P. Tunnel Accident In Austin Road

Two workers were injured, one seriously, when a blasting accident occurred in the A.R.P. tunnel at Austin Road yesterday.

The men were:
IP SEE, aged 30, residing at No. 20 Baker Street, who suffered a blasted finger on the right hand and multiple injuries to the face and chest. His condition was described last night as being rather serious; and

LAI YAU-HING, aged 23, employee of the King Lee building contractor, of Austin Road, who sustained multiple injuries to the face, chest and arms. His condition was stated to be fair.

S'hai Bund Murder

SHANGHAI, June 23 (Reuter)—Mr. T. Y. Lee, a native of Soochow and advertising manager of the TAMEI WANGPAO, Chinese edition of the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post, was shot dead this afternoon on the Bund by an unknown gunman.

Lee had just left his office when one shot was fired at him from a passing car. It entered his head, killing him instantly.

STUDENT DROWNED

A 20-year-old student of the China Training Institute, of Clear Water Bay, named Cheung Yan-wing, was drowned while swimming in the reservoir near the school with a fellow-student yesterday.

Cheung disappeared after diving twice and his body was not located by his friend until after 20 minutes.

Artificial respiration was given but it was too late, and the body was removed to the Kowloon Public Mortuary.

Cowardly Attack

A 23-year-old woman, Lo Wai-ching, described as a lady barber, was the victim of a cowardly attack by a gang of snatchers at Des Voeux Road West yesterday.

"She was walking along the road at about 11 a.m. when she had her wrist watch snatched. She was pushed to the ground and injured her head."

She was sent to hospital and her injuries were described as serious.

A.T.S. DRIVE

The A.T.S. in Britain are to stage a drive for 40,000 more women recruits. Last week 8,000 applications were received from women who want to be A.T.S. drivers.

Scenes Of Feverish Excitement Witnessed In Stockholm

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter)—SCENES OF FEVERISH EXCITEMENT WERE WITNESSED IN STOCKHOLM FROM THE FIRST MOMENT YESTERDAY WHEN NEWS OF GERMANY'S ATTACK ON RUSSIA WAS KNOWN, says a despatch from Stockholm received by the Independent French Agency.

Special editions of papers sold like hot cakes and 20 German journalists were seen hanging on to telephones dictating to Berlin news bulletins picked up from British wireless.

Radio messages were immediately sent out ordering all Swedish ships to return to the nearest ports. All navigation in the Baltic and Gulf of Bothnia were suspended yesterday morning.

The frontier in the north between Sweden and Finland has been closed for some days. All men on leave in the Swedish army, navy and air force were recalled.

The Navy, which, except for battleships, is stronger than the German Navy and is probably superior from the technical point of view to the Soviet Navy, is certainly an important factor in the situation.

The Swedish public and official circles are maintaining great calm.

NO SYMPATHY

There is no sympathy for either of the opposing parties, but the attitude and position of Finland has aroused some emotion.

Up to the last, the general impression was that Finland might maintain a position of neutrality adopted by the only other Scandinavian country which still kept its independence.

Details of military operations are still lacking.

It is assumed the Germans will attempt to hold near the Arctic important Soviet forces established in these regions, cutting communications as rapidly as possible, and there seems little doubt that pressure on Leningrad, with assistance of Finnish divisions, is an important factor in German strategy.

Communications between Sweden and Finland are interrupted, but it appears certain that their strategic position and importance would not be neglected if their fate is not already decided.

Bowls League Again Upset By Rain: Second-Div. Match Tit-Bit Of Week's Schedule

BY "L. G."

Rain, which a fortnight ago caused many matches to be postponed, has further retarded the progress of the Lawn Bowls League. Last Saturday only one League match was played; the rest were called off as most of the greens in the Colony were sodden on account of the unusually heavy rains during the week.

The only match played was that between the Hongkong Football Club and Craigengower in the Third Division. Contrary to expectations (as the weather looked dull and threatening during the forenoon) this game was played in bright sunny weather. It resulted in a clean sweep win for the visitors (Craigengower) whose victory has placed them at the head of the Third Division Table.

They owe their Third Division leadership to the fact that they have had quite a few clean sweeps. The Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who are second in the Table are one point behind Craigengower, though they have actually won five out of the six matches played, whereas Craigengower have only won four in seven matches.

SEVEN SCORED

For Craigengower last Saturday, D. M. Rosarios rink had the biggest rink win. He beat S. H. Strange by 30-15. He scored a seven on the 3rd head and led through out the game. A. J. Coelho's rink had a four-shot win against G. S. Graves. N. P. Karanjia and hands several times.

The issue was not decided until the last head at the beginning of which Mansell was 19-15 in the lead and the game looked very much like being in the bag. To clinch matters he was using a couple, but Karanjia trailed the jack for five to give him (Karanjia) victory by one shot.

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

The bowls programme for the coming week-end for the First Division does not look very exciting.

The only two teams that appear to be evenly matched are Police and Kowloon Bowling Green. As the Police will be playing at home I think they will just about manage to win.

For the rest, I expect Recrelo "A", Craigengower, Indian R.C. and Kowloon Bowling Green "A" to win against Kowloon Dockers, Civil Service C.C., Kowloon C.C. and Recrelo "B" respectively.

LEADERS CLASH

The two leaders in the Second Division, Kowloon Tong and Craigengower, will meet on Saturday on the former's green. Craigengower will have to be at their very best to cause Kowloon Tong to lose their hundred per cent. record but I don't think they will do it.

HOCKEY COMPETITION ON SKATES

It is reliably learned that a hockey competition on roller skates will be formed in the near future, and the venue of matches will be the Kowloon Skating Rink, Mong-kok.

According to Mr. Cheng, Manager of the Kowloon Skating Rink, a plan has been submitted to different clubs and teams interested and they have all agreed to enter a team.

KIM SHING CUP BASKETBALL

Kowloon Residents' Union are the present holders of the Kim Shing Cup basketball on roller skates competition as a result of their win by 35 points to 23 over the Kowloon Skating Rink.

The match which was played at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Mong-kok, drew a large crowd, who witnessed one of the best matches to date.

E. B. Nanak, one of the Rink's stars, was unfortunately injured during the first few minutes and could not take part for the rest of the game.

The first half was very even, but the Union showed mark superiority in the second stanza, and the home team could not check the fast opposing forwards who went about with a determination that carried the day.

The match was capably handled by Mr. Wong Lai-tong.

SEVEN GOALS FOR LEE WAI-TONG

The touring South China team in Malaya recorded their biggest win to date when they defeated United Services at Singapore by 11 goals to nil on Sunday. Lee Wai-tong scored seven of the goals, and Chan Hak-fai and Lau Chung-sang two each.

THREE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

At the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, with Mr. T. S. Whyte, Registrar of Marriages, officiating, Miss Nelly Ko Wai-ying, of No. 24 Nam Kung Road, was married to Mr. Leonard Adolphus Chance, clerk of No. 160 Sal Yeung Choi Street.

Two other marriages, with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar officiating, also took place at the Registry.

The parties were—(Thomas Knight, private of the Royal Scots, of Mount Austin Barracks, and Miss Jenny Kwan, of No. 147 Gloucester Road;

Mr. Cuan Pee Wang, merchant, of No. 66 South Wall Road, second floor, and Miss Kwok Tak-fong, of No. 82 Kai Yan Road, first floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Hung Fann-tien, merchant, of No. 129 Sal Yee Street, first floor, and Miss Leung Si-lan, teacher, of No. 33 Maple Street, first floor, was announced yesterday.

Dick Turpin Destroyed

Sustaining a broken leg last Sunday when it fell aboard ship en route to the Macao Race Meeting, Dick Turpin, the 1937 Australian subscription griffin owned by Mr. A.H. Potts, had to be destroyed last Thursday. It had been hoped the injury would respond to treatment at Fanling.

Dick Turpin won \$2,975 in stakes money during its career, and in addition to some good performances at Happy Valley also won distinction as a steeplechaser at Fanling.

PONIES AT FANLING

Eight ponies, under the care of the Indian trainer, M. A. Khan, have been sent to Fanling for summer grazing. They will be kept there till August.

The ponies are Jungle Love, Swallow, Chateaugay, Rocky Beach and Glorious Star (Australian) and Eve of Paradise, Sunlight View and Dow Jones (China ponies).

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

TENNIS—Second Division Matches to be mutually arranged by Clubs.

WATER-POLO—European Y.M.C.A. v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool), 7.15 p.m.; Navy "B" v. Royal Corps of Signals (Army pool), 7.45 p.m.; Royal Navy "C" v. Combined Small Units (Army pool), 8.15 p.m.; Royal Navy "A" v. Middlesex "A" ("Y" pool), 7.15 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. Royal Scots "B" ("Y" pool), 7.45 p.m.; 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. ("Y" pool), 8.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

TENNIS—Third Division: I.R.C. v. C.D.R., K.I.T.C. v. S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. (2) v. K.T.G.C.A., S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. (1) v. C.C.C. v. H.K.U.T.C. WATER-POLO—European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament, postponed matches.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

TENNIS—Fourth Division: P.O. R.C. (2) v. A.T.C., C.C.C. v. P.O. R.C. (1), S.C.A.A. v. J.R.C. C.R.C. v. C.B.A. K.I.T.C. v. I.R.C.

WATER-POLO—European Y.M.C.A. v. 36th Battery, R.A. (Army pool), 7.15 p.m.; Navy "A" v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool), 7.45 p.m.; Royal Corps of Signals v. Middlesex "A" (Army pool), 8.15 p.m.; Navy "B" v. Combined Small Units ("Y" pool), 7.15 p.m.; Navy "C" v. Royal Scots "B" ("Y" pool), 7.45 p.m.; Middlesex "B" v. 96th Battery, R.A. ("Y" pool), 8.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

BASEBALL—H.B. Baseball Club v. S.C.A.A., 2.15 p.m.; R.E. v. Chung Hwa, 4.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS—First Division: Recrelo "A" v. Kowloon Dockers R.C., Craigengower v. Civil Service, Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C., Police R.C. v. Kowloon B.C.C. "B", Recrelo "B" v. Kowloon B.C.C. "A", Second Division: Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Kowloon Tong v. Craigengower, Prison O.C. v. Kowloon F.C., H.K.F.C. v. Talkoo R.C. Third Division: Kowloon B.C.C. v. Hongkong F.C., Kowloon F.C. v. Police R.C., Indian R.C. v. Hongkong C.C., Hongkong Electric v. Recrelo.

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ACROSS
1 What river in south-western Germany rises on the boundary of Alsace?
5 Head covering
8 Auction
12 Otherwise
13 Be affected with pain
14 Hebrew month
15 What citadel of Granada is famous for its Moorish associations?
17 Monk of Tibet
18 Sound made by cow
19 Humiliates
21 Who is the Scottish national hero—Bruce?
24 Masculine name
25 Cognisat
26 Went to bed
30 Chess pieces
31 Declare
32 Yellow bugle
33 Who was the famous collaborator of Steele?
38 Mother
39 Nothing
39 Large cave
40 Restricted quarter of a city
43 Constellation
44 Bath
45 What State was named in honor of the Queen Consort of Charles I?
50 Declare

DOWN
1 Body of water
2 Everything
3 Tree
4 Fool for
5 What navigator reached North America in 1497?
6 Melody
7 What battlefield of Bengal was the scene of Clive's famous victory of 1757?
8 Spiced meat
9 The first man
10 Crippled
11 Periods
16 Who wrote Utopia?
20 Head covering
21 Incarnation of Vishnu
22 Was indebted to
23 Company
26 Hastened
27 Religious ceremony
28 Always
29 Mend with interlocking stitches
31 What king of Israel was the son of David?
34 Burles
35 Pose for a portrait
36 Who is the mother of the present British King?
37 Island in medieval romance
38 Omission mark
40 Happy
41 Possess
42 Level
43 Cuckoo
47 Wing
48 Pinch
49 Female animal

SOLUTION TOMORROW

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by O. Eager, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Reserve) CHANGE OF OFFICES AND TELEPHONES

As from Monday, June 23, 1941, the offices of the Adjutant, Sub-Inspector (R) A. W. Mooney and Headquarters Clerk Acting Lance-Sergeant (R) 150 Koh Kwal Sun will be at Reserve Headquarters, ground floor.

Telephones—Adjutant (in Officer's Room) No. 32918, S.I. (R) A. W. Mooney and A.L.S. (R) 150 Koh Kwal Sun (in Headquarters Clerk's Office) No. 32068.

Telephones have now been installed in all offices as follows: Chinese Company, 32368 and 32148; Indian Company, 32551; Flying Squad, 32558 and Emergency Unit Reserve, 32849.

CHINESE COMPANY

Dismissal: Constable R1422 Pang Tick Wang has been dismissed from the Chinese Company, as from June 6, 1941.

Strength: Constable R172 Yeung Wing Sing has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from June 20, 1941.

Inspection Parade: All ranks of "C" Company will parade at Murray Parade Ground for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander on Wednesday, June 25, at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend at Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 25 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part II: Constable R81 John Wong qualified in Part II of Training Course on June 17, 1941.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Invalided: Lance-Sergeant R228 Nam Din has been invalided from the Indian Company, as from June 18, 1941.

Promotions: Police Sergeants R214 Channan Singh and R269 Imam Din are promoted to the rank of Sub-Inspector (R) as from June 18, 1941 to fill vacancies.

Constables R275 Rattan Singh, R222 Awtar Singh, R242 Abdul Aziz, R273 R. M. Omar, R752 S. R. Salleh and R211 S. Aras are promoted to the rank of Acting Lance-Sergeant as from June 18, 1941 to fill vacancies.

Inspection Parade: All ranks of the Indian Company will parade on Wednesday, June 15 for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander at Murray Parade Ground at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Training Course—Part I: Those

Moving Appeal On "Double-Seven" Campaign

The China Campaign Committee has made the following appeal for China in connexion with the "Double Seventh" campaign in the press throughout Britain:

"On July 7, China enters the 5th year of her struggle for existence as a free nation. Japanese armies have fought with a cruelty outstanding in a world sick with horrors. Yet the massacres of civilians which have shocked humanity account for only a small fraction of the deaths and sufferings caused by this utterly unprovoked war.

"We are trying to raise a special fund to send out to China on July 7 but we must also provide for the continuity of our work for China in Britain. Democracy's worst disease is ignorance. Japan's attack found China ill-prepared materially. It found the peoples of the West equally ill-equipped mentally for understanding the significance of the Eastern events and their Government reactions to them.

REAL SUPPORT

"To dispel this ignorance and to foster a policy of real support and friendship for China is the second duty which the China Campaign Committee has undertaken. In the past year despite the bombing of our office and the dwindling of our funds, we continued our unspectacular but essential work of collection and distribution of information, writing of articles for newspapers, organization of deputations and provision of speakers for many meetings.

TENNIS COACH FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Arrangements are in hand at University for Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu, the well-known O.R.C. lady tennis player, to coach lady undergraduates at tennis on Pokfulam courts, Mrs. Chiu first won the Colony Ladies Doubles title with Miss R. Perry in 1930, retaining the title in the two following years in partnership with Miss Perry and Mrs. Williams respectively.

Child Welfare Work Told By U.S. Missionary

Under the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, which was organized last year by American and Chinese missionaries, 20 homes for orphans are being operated in widely scattered places in China, according to DR. J. R. SAUNDERS, of the American Baptist Mission, in an interview with the Central News.

Dr. Saunders, who is Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board of the Association, Superintendent of the Pukong Children's Homes and Chairman of the International Relief Committee in Shukwan, Kwangtung, arrived in Hongkong about a week ago on a business trip and is shortly returning to Shukwan.

The 20 homes, Dr. Saunders said, are distributed as follows: four in Kwangtung, two in Kwangsi, one in Kiangsi, one in Szechwan, five in Peiping, four in Shanghai and three in Hongkong. The largest is in Kukong, taking care of 500 children while those in Hongkong located at Fanling, Tai-po and Aberdeen accommodate a total of 160.

Babies and children up to 14 years old without parents are admitted into these homes which, besides providing them with board and lodging educate them and give them industrial training in order to make them useful citizens when they grow up. Some of these children, Dr. Saunders said, are not strictly war orphans but homeless orphans picked up by the Association.

1,000 COMMITTEE

Dr. Saunders is also adviser and treasurer of the Chinese Children Fund in Richmond, Virginia, and New York City. This fund, he said, was organized in 1938 by American and Chinese friends with a committee of 1,000 in both the United States and Canada. Closest co-operation has been in existence between this fund and the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children. From January to June, he disclosed, it has appropriated \$

Work Party, 1150; Anonymous, 5; R. Hancock (Monthly), 25; "The Caravan" (Monthly), 15; D. W. Hume (Monthly), 10; Anonymous, 81.79; Dr. F. W. Cham (Monthly), 30; Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Broadfoot (Monthly), 5; D. C. Edmonston (Monthly), 250; "Routelette", 40; The Foreign Staff of Dodwell and Co., Ltd., in memory of the late A. W. Hayward, 121. Total \$718,313.95.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Dismissal: Constable R507 J. de J. Fernandes has been dismissed from the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from June 6, 1941.

Training Course—Part I: All ranks of the "B" Company will attend at Murray Parade Ground on Wednesday, June 25, at 17.15 hours sharp for instruction in Part I of Training Course. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Riot Drill: All Kowloon Squads (Nos. 4, 5 and 6 Squads) will attend Kennedy Road Under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa for instruction in Riot Drill. Van will leave Headquarters at 17.05 hours sharp on Friday, June 27. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

W. R. CHESTER-WOODS, Adjutant, Police Reserve.

CHUNGKING, June 23 (Central)—Lieut.-General Fang Hsu-an, ex-Divisional Commander, now living in retirement at Tsingpei County, Chuhshien, east Szechwan, has asked the Government to auction a part of his property in Chungking and use the money thus derived to purchase a plane for the Chinese Air Force.

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Sunrise: 4.40 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m.
Rotary Club Tiffin, Closed Meeting
Kowloon Chess Club Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Ordination Service of Rev David M. Paton, St John's Cathedral, 8 a.m.
Prayer & Fellowship Meeting S & S Home, 8.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
25—Tues: High 9.57 a.m. and 12.07 p.m. Low: 3.42 a.m. and 5.21 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 8.11 p.m.
Annual Meeting of Canton Insurance Office Ltd, Jardine Matheson and Co Office noon.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.) Govt House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of Wm. Powell Ltd, 12 Des Voeux Rd, Central, 12.30 p.m.
General Committee Meeting S and S Home, 5.30 p.m.
26—Tues: High 10.35 a.m. and 12.44 p.m. Low: 4.17 a.m. and 6.06 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 8.11 p.m.
St. Andrew's (Medical), War Work, 10 a.m.
Travel Talk by Mr E. C. Thomas at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 8.45 p.m.
H.K. Philatelic Society Meeting, S.C.M.P. Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
"Y" Men's Club, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong Ladies' Knitting Party (B.W.O.P.), 9 a.m. to noon.
27—Tues: High 11.10 a.m. Low: 4.48 a.m. and 6.44 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 8.11 p.m.
Annual Meeting of H.K. Tramways Ltd, Jardine Matheson & Co. Office, noon.
Macao Jockey Club Annual General Mtg., Prince's Building, 1 p.m.
St. Andrew's Wartime Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.
28—Tues: High 12.2 a.m. and 11.51 p.m. Low: 5.26 a.m. and 7.23 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.41 a.m.; Sunset: 8.11 p.m.
29—Tues: High 2.01 a.m. and 12.36 p.m. Low: 6.07 a.m. and 8.04 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.41 a.m.; Sunset: 8.11 p.m.
30—Tues: High 2.14 a.m. and 12.7 p.m. Low: 6.57 a.m. and 8.46 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.41 a.m.; Sunset: 8.11 p.m.

MORE AID FOR RELIEF IN CHINA

MRS. WELLINGTON KOO'S APPEAL

NEW YORK, June 10.—Mrs. Wellington Koo, wife of the new Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain, last night urged Americans to contribute to Chinese war relief funds to "let the people of China know that the American people are with them in their struggle." Mrs. Koo, who arrived aboard the S.S. Escamillon of the American Export Lines from Lisbon will take a brief rest here before returning to London.

ONLY ONE NATION

"Returning from war-torn Europe where I witnessed the tragic collapse of nation after nation, I appreciate more than ever the heroism and determination shown by my people," she declared in a written statement to the press.

"Thus far only one nation of Europe is still standing and firmly resisting aggression after less than two years of war. China shortly will complete four years of such resistance." "We know we have been through the worst. My people have borne this bravely, but all the heroism of the world is insufficient to endure such suffering incessantly without having some outside aid."

STRONG MORALE

"Today, America is aiding China and Britain. The moral of the people of China and Britain is strong but it will be stronger if they know that individuals in America are with them in their struggle. This, perhaps, is the most urgent reason why it is important that all Americans contribute to the relief organizations."

"Contributions of money to the United China Relief campaign will let the people of China know the American people are with them in their struggle. An one who has seen much of the terrible sufferings of war, and knows how important is to resistance, I feel you now are doing a great service for our common struggle to preserve democracy," Mrs. Koo declared.—United Press.

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Portuguese Programme

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band with Norman Allin (Bass).

"The Black Domino"—Overture (Auber, arr. Winterbottom)—The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell. Think Of Me (Lady John Scott — arr. Moffatt). When Song Is Sweet (G. Sans-Souci).

—Norman Allin (Bass) w. Orchestra, Malaguena (from "Bohème")—Moskowsky — arr. Lake; La Tarantelle De Belphegor (Roch Albert)—The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. O'Donnell. The Midnight Review (Glinka, Newmarch) Norman Allin (Bass) w. Orchestra. The Crusader March (O'Donnell). The B.B.C. Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.01 Film Selections.

"Broadway Melody of 1940"—Concentrate on You — Fox-Trot — Les Brown and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus by Shirley Howard. "Under Your Hat" — Together Again—Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hulbert. If You Want To Dance—Jack Hulbert & The Rhythm Bros. with Orchestra. "Firefly"—Selection — Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony w. Vocal by Eve Becke and Gerry Pity Gerald. "Naughty But Nice"—Corn Pickin'—I'm Happy About the Whole Thing — Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orch. "Pinocchio" — Three Cheers for Anything—Victor Young and His Orchestra with The Ken Darby Singers. "Follow the Fleet" — Let's Face the Music and Dance—Fox-Trot—Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

You're Breaking My Heart All Over Again (Cavanaugh); My Romance (from "The Hulbert Follies"). They Say (Heymann and Others); There's Something About An Old Love (Hudson and Others).

2.00 Harold Ramsay at the Organ. Famous Marches Medley — Intro: The Washington Post; Semper Paradies; Hungarian March; Tauber Melodies—Intro: You are my heart's delight; Golden Song; In your arms tonight; Serenade; Villa; Impatience; O Sanctissima. Six Great Melodies — Intro: Somewhere a voice is calling. Trees; Until; Perfect Day; At Dawning; Roses of Picardy.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 O.d. Tunes in Swingtime.

Blue Skies (Berlin)—Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and Her Orch. Swanee (Gershwin) — Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing. Alive, Alive-O! (Corry, O'Brien)—Al and Bob Harvey (Vocal Duet) with Orchestra acc. Dark Eyes (Trad, Russian Air) Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) w. Orchestra. Blue Danube (Strauss)—arr. Sid Phillips)—Eddie Carroll and His Swing-phonie Orchestra. A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood)—Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) w. Orchestra. Alouette (Trad. Canadian Song)—Horace Eddi and His Orch. with Vocal Chorus. Avalon (Jolson & Rose)—Val Rosing and His Swing Stars. I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles (Kenbrovin-Kelleter)—Ella Logan (Vocal) with Orchestra. 7.15 Humorous Variety.

That Night That We Met In A Black-Out (Kester); Who Is That Man — (Kester) — Tommy Handley with Piano acc. Virginia and Her Momma—Tvy St. Heller at the Piano. Please Leave My Butter Alone (Mills-Nicholls)—Arthur Askey w. Orch.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London and Josephine Baker (Vocal).

Toy Land Medley — Intro: Teddy Bears' Picnic; Wedding of the Painted Doll; Parade of the Tin Soldiers; Punch and Judy Show; The Toy Train—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Reginald Foort at the Organ. The Loveliness of You (film "You Can't Have Everything")—Josephine Baker (Vocal) w. Orchestra. Valse September (Godin, arr. Lotter); In The Shadows (Pirski)—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orch. with Al Bollington at the Organ. Supper (Dixon-Dimoni); Pretty Little Baby (Bernie and Others) — Josephine Baker (Vocal) with Orch. "Champagne Waltz"—Selection—Banjo on my Knee—Selection — Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orch. with Al Bollington at the Organ.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 New Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — Fake The "A" Train. The Sidewalks of New York — Duke Ellington and His Orchestra. Congo — Blm Bam Bam; Bolero — At The Mardi Gras — Einar Madriguera and His Orch. Fox-Trots—Worried Mind. A Broken Melody—Wayne King and His Orchestra. Tango—Moonlight on the Rio Grande—Heinz Huppertz and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots — Do You Believe in Fairy Tales? (film "Pot O' Gold"); My Sister and I—Leo Reisman and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Down Argentine Way (from the film) — Oscar Rabin and His Band. Spanish Pasodobles — Una Morena Y Una Rubia; Abanicos Y Mantillas — Don Rico and His Gypsy Girls' Orchestra. Fox-Trot—It Was Wonderful Then — Joe Reichman and His Orch.

9.45 — 10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 6—Intro. Never in a million years: Will you remember?; Beginners' Luck; Smile when you say goodbye; It looks Let's call the whole thing off. Charlie like rain in Cherry Blossom Lane. Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 17—Intro: Sunday in the Park; My heaven in the pines; Good-night angel; Love walked in; So little time; Says my heart.

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Beethoven — Sonata in F Minor, Op. 57 "Appassionata."

1st Mov: Allegro assai—Piu allegro; 2nd Mov: Andante con moto; 3rd Mov: Allegro ma non troppo—Presto—Arthur Schnabel (Piano).

10.40 A Spanish Programme with the Madrid Symphony Orchestra and Tito Schipa (Tenor).

En La Alhambra—Serenade (Breton)—Madrid Symphony Orch. conducted by Enrique F. Arbost. Nina (Pergolesi, arr. Bourdon); A Little Posy (Tosti). Tito Schipa (Tenor) w. Orchestra. Spanish Dance — Rondalla Aragonesa (Granados, arr. Casals) — Pau Casals (Cello) with Piano acc. I Shall Return (Schipa)—Tito Schipa (Tenor) w. Orch (sung in English). Vito (Spanish Dance), Op. 54, No. 5 (Poppert)—Pau Casals (Cello) with Piano acc. Confession: La Cumparsita — Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra. Danza Espanola No. 6 (Granados) — Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique F. Arbost.

11.15 Close down.

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Transmission V—News Summary	6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	7.00 p.m.
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Trans. II & III—News Summary	7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

SKI PATROL

Avid film fans could take lessons from Philip Dorn, Holland-born screen actor who makes his American debut in Universal's "Ski Patrol," daring drama of high-mountain warfare showing today at the King's theatre.

Dorn's recent feat of seeing as many as 100 Hollywood films per month was one factor that made it possible for him to play the lead opposite Lull Deste in the new picture.

When Dorn arrived in the United States, he could speak only a few words of English. Through daily study with a language coach and through the expedient of listening carefully to dialogue in as many as 100 films per month, Dorn learned to speak excellent English within six months after his arrival in America.

Dorn is probably Hollywood's most widely-traveled actor. Stage tours, film locations and big-game hunting expeditions have taken him through Europe, North Africa, South America and British and Dutch colonies throughout the world. He is seen as a heroic ski trooper in "Ski Patrol."

MR. JOHN WINANT

LONDON, June 23 (BWS). — Mr. John G. Winant, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, returning from U.S.A. by way of Montreal, left there in a B24 Liberator bomber plane and at noon yesterday.

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Bessarabian Frontier Town Claimed Captured By Rumanian Soldiers

LONDON, JUNE 23 (REUTERS)—THE RUMANIANS ARE REPORTED IN A BUCHAREST MESSAGE TO THE OFFICIAL Italian news agency to have occupied the Bessarabian frontier town of Bolgrad. They also claim that three Soviet planes were shot down on Sunday morning on the outskirts of Galatz.

Another message states that German mechanised forces have begun to march forward in Bukovina, the northern province of Rumania which Rumania lost to the U.S.S.R. at the same time as Bessarabia.

A German High Command communique announced that "fighting broke out on the Soviet border in the early hours of Sunday." It claims that an enemy attempt to fly over East Prussia was "repulsed" with heavy losses. German fighters shot down numerous Red bombers.

The German attack on Russia was started from East Prussia, without artillery preparation to give the Russians a surprise, states the official German news agency.

Heavy machine-guns and other infantry weapons started the attack at 3.05 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The agency continues that pioneers succeeded in preventing the Russians destroying important bridges and were able to press forward through the Russian front.

Moscow Radio announces that all men born between 1905 and 1912 are liable to mobilisation, which begins today in 11 military commands.

Martial law is proclaimed throughout Western Russia, the far north and Crimea, states Moscow Radio.

MOSCOW SILENT

The last Moscow radio broadcast on Sunday night contained no mention about the military operations.

The tone of the Moscow foreign news broadcast underwent a noticeable change during the evening. British war news were given greater prominence than usual and reports on the bombing of German objectives were read by the Moscow announcer with great gusto.

President Roosevelt's declaration about the sinking of the Robin Moor was given in great detail.

PATRIOTIC MARCHES

MOSCOW, June 23 (Reuters)—All day long loud-speakers transmitted broadcast orders and patriotic marches in all Moscow's public squares.

Extra guards have been posted at underground stations and crowds thronged the streets listening to the radio.

M. Molotov's announcement was the first indication of the German attack, which the Russian people had, though the news was known to foreigners early in the morning.

The news was calmly received. A complete black-out and other air raid precautions have been ordered by Moscow radio. The black-out applies to all road and rail transport.

HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITS

Young Soviet patriots just from high school are appearing at local War Commissariats in great numbers asking to be accepted for military service, stated Moscow radio.

The report of the predatory aggression by German Fascism spread live wildfire all over the Soviet Union," said the announcer.

SOVIET DECREE

A long decree by the Soviet Supreme Council defining in detail the state of martial law proclaimed in various districts of the Soviet Union was broadcast last night by Moscow radio.

All authority for national defence and public security is vested in military Soviets. "These have the right to enlist people for labour duties and defence work, for the protection of communications, power stations and other important objectives as well as fire fighting duties."

They may billet troops, impose curfew and traffic restrictions, prohibit entry into and exit from those areas, and deport undesirable persons.

MILITARY COURTS

All public bodies must collaborate with this military authority. Special courts martial are established to deal with cases con-

CHURCHILL'S BROADCAST PROPITIOUS

WASHINGTON, June 23 (Reuters)—Mr. Churchill's dramatic broadcast message has stirred the American imagination.

There is no doubt it will play an enormous part in solidifying American opinion behind the anti-Nazi cause, no matter who is fighting it.

Objective observers generally admit the speech could not have been made at a better time.

In giving the British peoples a lead, Mr. Churchill has helped much to make clear the American path in this ever-spreading conflict.

Mr. Churchill's refusal to allow British military attention to be diverted from its inflexible purpose, is noted on all sides and is warmly applauded.

GESTAPO KEPT BUSY

BERLIN ROUND-UP OF RUSSIANS

ZURICH, June 23 (Reuters)—The Gestapo was engaged all day yesterday in a great round-up of Russians in Berlin, according to the correspondent of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung.

The German public, uninformed until the last minute about Hitler's move, was surprised with its suddenness and impressed by the vast size of the territory the German Army is now attacking.

They were undoubtedly influenced by the accusations that the prolonging of the war was due to Russia.

The Neue Zuercher Zeitung comments editorially that Germany was now involved in a two-front war which she wanted to avoid because so long as Russia was not crushed Germany was unable to release all her force to attack Britain.

U.S. GOVERNMENT MONOPOLIES

WASHINGTON, June (Reuters)—High United States Government circles forecast the establishment of Government monopolies on the importation of chromium, tungsten, tin and other strategic materials following the virtual monopoly on rubber importations created on Saturday.

The Far East is the important supplier to the United States of tin, chromium, manganese and tungsten as well as rubber.

R.A.F. TOO MUCH FOR GERMANS TO STOMACH: 58 MESSERSCHMITT FIGHTERS DOWNED IN TWO DAYS

LONDON, June 23 (Reuters)—Many of the 58 Nazi fighters brought down in the past two days for the loss of five planes were the new Messerschmitt 109F type.

Most of the British fighter pilots who took part in Sunday's operations spoke on their return of the lack of spirit shown by the German pilots.

The squadrons, which acted as escorts to the bombers on their way to their target and back, saw 50 Messerschmitts as they were returning to the coast.

"They outnumbered us but did not attempt anything in the way of a concerted attack," said the Squadron Leader, adding that the tactics of the Germans did not show much determination.

The Germans seemed to be looking for stragglers and displayed reluctance to attack the main formations.

One Canadian Sergeant pilot, finding he had three Messerschmitts on his tail, swung round at one of them and after one burst from his guns it blew up in the air.

Two squadrons, each accounted for six aircraft. One of them was the famous Polish Squadron which distinguished itself in the Battle of Britain last year.

Most of the German aircraft yesterday were shot down over enemy territory but several were encountered over the Channel on their return journey.

One Messerschmitt was destroyed by a French pilot who said: "It crashed into the water like a torpedo. In the bright light I could see it smothering along below the surface."

An official communique issued late last night said that no enemy

WORLD COMMENTS:

Germany's Attack On Russia A Testimonial To Splendid Defence Of Great Britain

WASHINGTON, June 23 (Reuters)—The amazing and fascinating change in the war is the only topic here.

The war on Russia came as a distinct shock to Washington, where there had been a general belief that Stalin "would retreat to Vladivostok" before he would fight.

It is thought in Washington that Hitler's demands on Moscow must have been so sweeping that even an appeasing Stalin could not submit and remain in power.

It had been reported that the German army had been pressing for action against Russia and that Hitler had acted as a brake on this ambition.

It is presumed that finally his objection "was overcome by the argument that with Russian raw materials and food at his disposal, Hitler could defy the British blockade."

Of immediate importance, as seen in Washington, is the fact that the attack on Russia means the invasion of Britain is definitely postponed.

The question whether Russia, which has helped Germany, should now be given Allied aid, is being discussed avidly and opinions differ widely.

There is no love in Washington for Russia nor for the policy she has pursued, but realists appreciate that anything which helps to destroy Hitlerism is good.

CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM

CANBERRA, June 23 (Reuters)—Commenting on the Russo-German situation, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, stated: "I see in this new development a real cause for optimism provided that Russia is prepared to fight against the aggressor."

"Hitler's action is significant because his objectives are clearly the wheat of the Ukraine and the oil supplies of Baku and Iran."

"Evidently the British blockade of Europe is proving more effective than Germany cares to admit."

"The more fronts Germany fights on, the more vulnerable she will become in the long run."

"This sensational piece of news represents the high-water mark of cynicism on Hitler's part. Without notice or real justification, he has not only ignored his Treaty obligations towards Russia but has destroyed them."

ONE-SIDED TREATIES

SYDNEY, June 23 (Reuters)—"The latest event is complete confirmation of the unquestioned justice of the British cause which is that of free men and women throughout the world," declared Mr. Curtin, Australian Labour leader, commenting on the German attack on the Soviet.

Mr. Curtin added: "I hope that every nation now realises the one-sided nature of treaties with Hitler."

TESTIMONIAL TO BRITAIN

OTTAWA, June 23 (Reuters)—Germany's attack on Russia is re-

garded in official and unofficial circles here as new proof that Germany's desire is to conquer the whole world.

The latest German aggression is considered as testimony to the splendid defence of Great Britain and an admission that Hitler urgently needs the material resources of Russia.

The attack surprised those who believed that Germany and Russia were engaged in an elaborate scheme of diplomatic deception.

JAPAN WEAKENED

SYDNEY, June 23 (Reuters)—The new development of Germany's attack on Russia may prove to be a turning point in the Middle East, said Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Attorney-General and Minister of the Navy.

Germany, he declared, must now fight on two fronts and maintain her attack on Britain.

Mr. Hughes considered that the effect in the Pacific would be revolutionary. Japan's position would be considerably weaker and the danger of an attack on Australia was much less.

TOKYO VIEWS

TOKYO, June 23 (Reuters)—Japanese military quarters estimate that more than 100 divisions are engaged on both sides in the war between Germany and Russia.

They suggest the Soviet forces will avoid fighting near the border but will engage the Nazis in the interior.

The German tactics, they aver, are aimed at getting hold of Russia's food and heavy industrial resources with the idea of paralyzing Soviet resistance.

These experts consider the odds rather heavily in favour of Germany.

"Germany may be able to occupy the Leningrad, Moscow and Ukrainian areas but that will not decide the war."

Nazi Attack Finds Soviet Fully Ready

MOSCOW, June 23 (Reuters)—Germany's deliberate aggression does not find the Soviet unprepared. While having tried by all possible diplomatic means to avoid being dragged into the war, Russia, under Stalin has not forgotten that she might become the subject of aggression, writes Reuters's Special correspondent.

Throughout the past month, there has been constant preparation of the armed forces and civilian auxiliary services based on the experience of war conditions and the lessons learnt as a neutral observer (and as a belligerent in Finland), of war conditions during the past two years.

ARMY TRAINING

Since last spring, the Soviet army has undergone considerable overhauling and strengthening, while Marshal Timoshenko's slogan has throughout been "training under war conditions."

Hundreds of thousands of anti-parachutists and other air raid workers in every region of the Soviet Union have been practicing throughout the spring period, warding off mock attacks on their towns and villages.

The measures taken under the new labour laws introduced last year for increasing production, particularly in the factories working for national defence, have been intensified.

southern area are proceeding satisfactorily in co-operation with patriot forces which are closing in on the Italians from all sides.

"Further troops of the Italian 24th Division have surrendered at Soddu."

"Fifteen miles west of Lakenti, our African troops, after a sharp engagement, captured a prepared enemy position, taking prisoner 30 Colonial troops and also capturing four guns and 30 machine guns."

"In the Debra Tabor area, troops, supported by patriot forces, are steadily closing in on the town."

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GOVERNOR TO BROADCAST

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., will broadcast on Hongkong's War Effort on Friday at 9.15 p.m.

TRIBUTES PAID TO LATE MR. PHILIP JACKS

Former Puisne Judge Of Colony

At the Supreme Court yesterday in the presence of both branches of the legal profession and officials of the Court, tributes were paid to the late Mr. Philip Jacks, former Puisne Judge of Hongkong, who died in England on Wednesday where he was living in retirement. The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and the puisne Judge, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, were on the Bench.

The Chief Justice said:—Last Saturday morning, I received the news of the death of Philip Jacks, who six years ago retired after a long and honourable career in the public service of this Colony. Jacks was a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England when he came to Hongkong in 1905 as Assistant Land Officer, and in the early years of his service his activities were confined to work in the Land Office with the exception of nine months which he spent as Acting Crown Solicitor. As Land Officer he compiled a Digest regarding the disposal and tenure of land in Hongkong which is still of immense value to those engaged in land dealings and in conveyancing in the Colony.

In Jan. 1922, he was called to the Bar and in 1927, he first sat on the Bench as Acting Puisne Judge. From then until he retired on pension a great part of his time was spent on judicial work.

When I arrived in this Colony in Feb. 1934 Jacks was my first Puisne Judge and there and then began a friendship which I valued highly. I think that the qualities that most distinguished Jacks were his unfailing courtesy and his great humanity. It seems only the other day that I received from him a long letter telling in detail how happy he was in his retirement in Weymouth where his chief preoccupations were getting rid of obstinate tree-stumps and making a garden of his dreams.

He had the gift of making and keeping friends and his passing will be sincerely regretted by the very many of all classes in Hongkong.

To his widow, his son and his daughter our sincere sympathy go out in their bereavement.

HON. MR. C. G. ALABASTER

The Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, speaking on behalf of the Bar, the solicitors on the roll of the Court, and the officers of the Court, associated himself with the tributes and expressions of condolence to the widow of the family spoken by his Lordship.

He said it was his privilege to know Philip Jacks intimately and was almost in daily contact with him during the 27 years out of the 50 years he spent in the Colony. He was aptly named Philip because of his most lovable disposition and had never made an enemy or lost a friend.

The Attorney General said that the Bar, the solicitors and the officers of the Court felt his loss very deeply.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 72 hours ended at midnight on June 22:—

Cholera, 20 cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, 13 cases; Enteric Fever, 10 cases; Measles, three cases; Tuberculosis, 10 cases.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

LETTER-BOX THIEF

The vigilance of a district watchman, who saw a man throwing an envelope on the ground, was rewarded when he searched and found a number of stolen letters on his person.

This was told before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday, when Chau Kee, 42, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was charged with larceny of one letter from a letter-box at the staircase of No. 252, Queen's Road East, ground floor.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley said that defendant was seen disposing of an envelope at Queen's Road East, near Wanchai Road, by District Watchman No. 126, who stopped and searched him. The result was that a number of letters, one of which had been stolen from a letter-box at the bottom of the staircase of No. 252, Queen's Road East, and was addressed to Cheng Lan, 28, married woman.

Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

THEFT OF ELECTRIC WIRE

For attempting to steal a quantity of electric wire at the staircase of No. 9, Luen Fat Street, Wanchai, on June 21, Chau Man, 20, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Sgt. R. MacKenzie prosecuted.

BOUND OVER

Joseph Gonzales, 17, of Singapore, charged with stealing two brass inscription plates from graves Nos. 8690 and 9243 at the Colonial Cemetery on June 19, was bound over in the sum of \$10 for six months by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday, when he appeared on remand from Saturday.

It may be recalled that another youth, Joe Hipltan Xavier, 25, of Hongkong, who admitted one previous conviction, was sentenced on Saturday to one month's hard labour on the same charge.

It was stated that defendants were arrested as they were coming out of a marine shop at Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Friday morning carrying the plates.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison was in charge of the case.

HARD LABOUR FOR SNATCHER

An A. R. P. shelter provided a hiding place for a handbag-snatcher, who being chased went in there to rifle the loot after having snatched it from an European lady.

This incident was revealed before Mr. Sheldon, K. C., yesterday, when a 23-year-old unemployed, Lo Hung, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing from the person of Mrs. M. R. Reid, of No. 8, Broadwood Road, a handbag and contents to the value of \$10 at Broadwood Road, near Link Road. Pleading guilty, defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

"STARTED VERY YOUNG!"

A 34-year-old unemployed, Lau Tak, added to his already long Police record of 18 previous convictions yet another yesterday, when he was sentenced by Major A. N. Macfadyen to six months' hard labour on a charge of larceny of a chick, the property of Ng Tai, 38, married woman, from No. 3, Wing Hing Street, ground floor, on June 22.

Looking over defendant's record, the Magistrate remarked: "He started very young."

Insp. W. L. Clark: "Yes, in 1918."

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AT KOWLOON

DEMANDING WITH MENACES

Appearing before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday, Mok Wah, 26, Pau Shu-chuen, 32 and Li Kwan, 23, were remanded another 48 hours in gaol custody.

The accused were charged with demanding \$30 with menaces on July 17 and 18 from Shu Shui, with intent to steal same. They were also charged with extortion of \$20 from the same complainant on the same dates.

First accused was additionally charged with demanding \$1 with menaces from Hul Lax with intent to steal same on Mar. 28. He was also charged with extortion of \$1 from the same complainant on the same date.

Mr. J. D'Almada Remedios is appearing for second defendant, while Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of prosecution.

SNATCHER CAULED

Fung Tak, 29, street cooler, of 26 Tsung Sau Street West, second floor, was sentenced by Mr. Macnamara yesterday to serve four months' hard labour when he was charged with larceny of \$13 from Leung Yuk, 22, spinster, of 35 Un Chau Street, second floor, on June 21.

Accused had one previous conviction.

Inspector Nalloth prosecuted.

STOLE MEDICAL DRESSINGS

Wu Piu, 35, cooler of the Kowloon Hospital, was fined \$20 or serve one month's hard labour by Mr. D. J. M. Anderson yesterday, on the charge of stealing six rolls of lint, seven rolls of cotton wool and 18 rolls of gauze from the Kowloon Hospital.

Det.-Sgt. Johnston prosecuted.

FALSE PRETENCES

Charged with obtaining \$2 from Wong Lu, shopkeeper at No. 89 Tong Mei Road, ground floor, Mongkok, by false pretences on June 19, Chan Wal-chuen, 32 unemployed, was sentenced by Mr. Anderson yesterday to serve three months' hard labour.

Sub-Insp. T. Collins prosecuted.

THEATRE TICKETS

Chan Kan, 21, unemployed, was fined \$25 by Mr. Anderson yesterday, when he appeared on a charge of selling entertainment tickets at a place other than the Ticket Office on June 21.

Accused pleaded not guilty to the charge and said that he went with his friend to the Victory Theatre in Shantung Street at 8.40 p.m. and while at the door he bought tickets for the show from two boys. After purchasing the tickets he went into the theatre but came out to change his tickets as he and his friend did not occupy seats next to each other. While he was choosing the tickets from the boy, the Police came, and as the two boys ran, he ran also, but with the ticket in his hands.

Mr. S. Arras, Police Reservist, gave evidence and said that he was on duty at that time. He saw a crowd and the accused was caught by a Street Guard and 26 tickets of the Victory Theatre were found in his possession and also \$5.21 in coins.

Sub-Insp. T. Collins prosecuted.

D. O. SOUTH

SENTENCE PASSED

Ng Shi-fuk and Ng Chat, who pleaded guilty on June 20 to the charges of stealing a pair of gold-plated earrings from the person of a woman, Sin Tai-mui, and a sampan from Lo Sau at Cheung Chau, appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston yesterday for sentence.

First defendant was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour and eight strokes of the light rattan, and second accused was sent to prison for three months, with hard labour.

WILD TREE WOOD

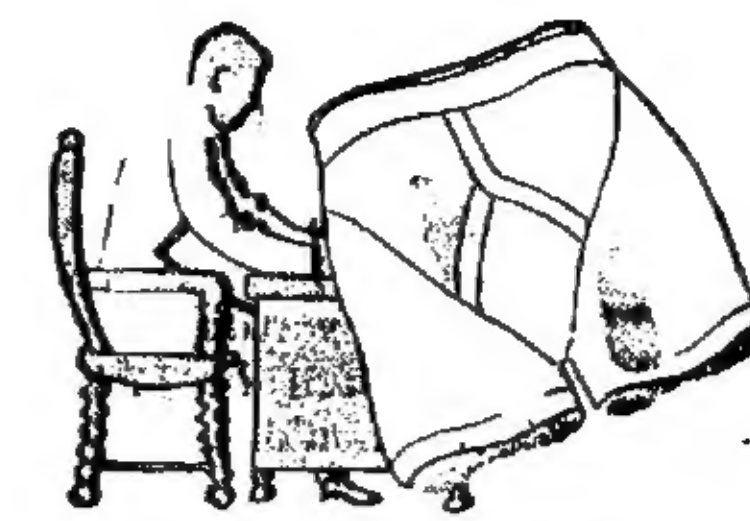
For the possession of 36 catties of wild tree wood reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained at Castle Peak Road, near Tsun Wan, on June 21, Chu Loi was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour when he appeared before Mr. Houston yesterday.

LOITERERS CONVICTED

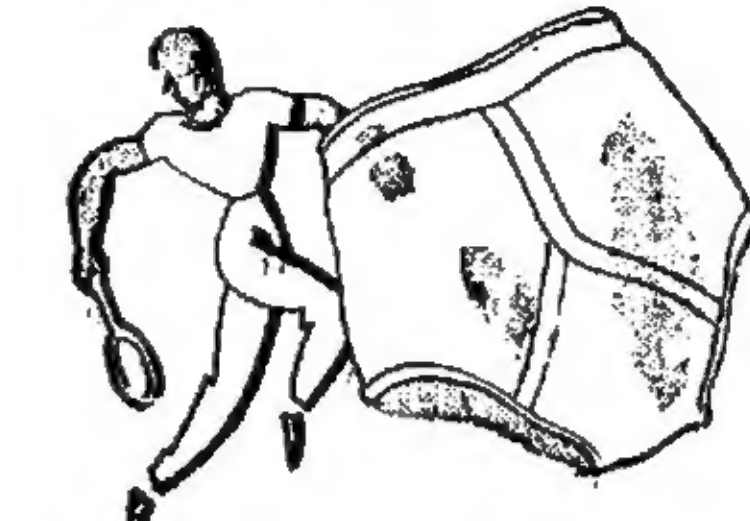
Lo Wah appeared before Mr. Houston yesterday charged with loitering about 11 p.m. in Cheung Lam Shu village on June 20.

His plea of Not Guilty was accepted by the prosecution and he was accordingly discharged. Lau Shing and Cheung also

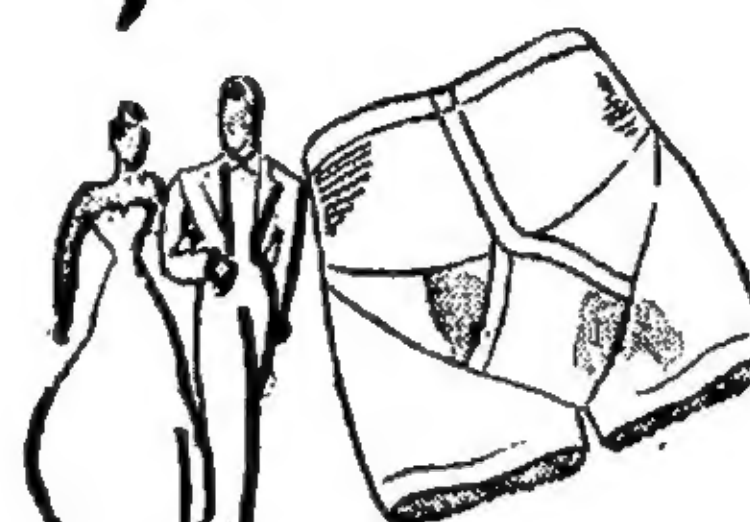
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MARINE COURT

ENTERED MINEFIELD

Fines of \$10, in default 14 days' imprisonment, were imposed by Comdr. J. Jolly at the Marine Court yesterday on each of 23 junk people charged with having entered the West Lamma Channel Minefield on Sunday.

Defendants were arrested by the naval authorities and it was stated that they were actually fishing in the minefield.

A fine of \$20, in default three weeks' imprisonment, was imposed on the master of a junk who had entered the Tathong Minefield.

Accused claimed in this case he was forced to drop anchor or the current would have driven his boat on the rocks.

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CLOSER ECONOMIC COLLABORATION

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—Diplomatic quarters in Washington envisage close economic co-operation between Britain, United States and Soviet Russia as a result of the invasion of the U.S.S.R.

The invasion has caused intense diplomatic activity in Washington.

The United States Government has withheld any formal statement but State Department sources described Germany's action as convincing proof that Hitler wants to dominate the entire world and that non-aggression pacts with Germany are simply meant as an opportunity to attack the Poles and when desired.

State Department reaction has clearly branded Germany as the question of United States aid but officials have declined to indicate the course of American action pending further study of the developments.

NEUTRALITY PROCLAMATION
A neutrality proclamation by President Roosevelt recognizing the existence of a state of war between Germany and the Soviet is expected soon but no changes are expected in the present European combat zones banned to United States shipping.

These already include Russia, the Arctic ports as well as other areas not affected.

The major problem for American policy makers is the attitude of Japan which is being carefully watched by United States officials.

ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN U.S.S.R.

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio announced that from all districts of the U.S.S.R. comes news of enthusiastic and patriotic demonstrations.

"Feeling is identical everywhere," said the Russian announcer. "The Russian people will defend their country and liberty with their lives. Millions are rallying round the Government."

"Kiev inhabitants are indignant over the dastardly bombing and proclaim their preparedness for the greatest military effort."

"From Siberia and the Caucasus comes the same feeling."

CONFIDENCE IN VICTORY

"Confidence in victory is expressed in speeches all over the country, calling for discipline and organized effort in order to smash the contemptible enemy."

"Moscow is quiet and conscious of the great task before it," concluded the announcer in a broadcast devoted to public reaction to German aggression throughout the Soviet Union.

FREIGHT SERVICES SUSPENDED

TOKYO, June 23 (Reuter).—The Railway Ministry announces that in view of the German-Soviet hostilities, all handling of passengers and freight services to Europe have been suspended, beginning today, for the time being.

It is disclosed that the authorities are negotiating with Soviet officials for the continuance of passenger and freight services from Russia to Japan.

Main German Thrust

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Chief Command of the Red Army yesterday.

The communique states: "At dawn on June 22 regular troops of the German Army attacked our frontier troops on the front from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea, and during the first half of the day were held back by our troops."

In the second half of the day, German troops encountered advanced units of field troops of the Red Army. After fierce fighting the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses.

"Only in the Grodno and Kholm directions has the enemy succeeded in gaining insignificant tactical success and occupied the small towns of Kholm, Stoyanov and Tsekranovsk, the first two of which are 15 kms. and the third 10 kms. from the frontier."

"Enemy air force attacked a number of our aerodromes and populated places, but everywhere met with resolute repulse from our air force and anti-aircraft artillery which inflicted heavy losses."

"We brought down 65 enemy aircraft."

TURKEY NEUTRAL
ANKARA, June 23 (Reuter).—An official communique today proclaims Turkish neutrality in the Russo-German war.

WINANT SEES MAISKY
LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—Mr. John G. Winant, American Ambassador, called on M. Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, today.



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CRAIGIE AT GAIMUSHO
TOKYO, June 23 (Reuter).—Information regarding the outbreak of Russo-German hostilities was exchanged when the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craige, called on Mr. Ohashi, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at 11 a.m. today. The interview lasted some 40 minutes.

TO BE CLARIFIED
Japan's attitude regarding the sudden turn of events in the international situation may be officially clarified tomorrow at the regular session of the Cabinet. It is reported.

STRICT BLACK-OUT

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—Strict black-out was in force in Moscow last night.

What is perhaps the city's most distinctive feature—the red electric stars on the Kremlin spires—did not glow.

Black-out blinds were hastily installed and pulled down as the summer sky gave way slowly to dusk. In the streets, men were hastily whitewashing the corner-kerbs.

The job of enforcing the black-out has been placed in the hands of House Committees. Thousands of men and women belonging to civil defence organisations have been detailed for various A.R.P. duties.

Other signs in the Soviet capital indicative of Russia's determination to defend her territory against aggression are the ap-

CHINESE CONFIDENCE IN SOVIET VICTORY

CHUNGKING, June 23 (Reuter).—CHINESE SYMPATHY FOR SOVIET RUSSIA AND CONFIDENCE IN AN ULTIMATE SOVIET VICTORY is expressed by the Chinese official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS in a leading article this morning.

"From the point of view of both idealistic and material interests," declares the paper, "the conflict between Germany and Soviet Russia was inevitable, but the outbreak of hostilities coming so soon is somewhat of a surprise."

"Germany and Soviet Russia possess the largest armies in the world and the principles of Government are fundamentally at variance."

"This war will be quite different from Germany's wars against Poland, France and Greece. We firmly believe that international disputes should be adjusted by proper diplomatic channels and peaceful procedure. Any settlement by force, even if successful, cannot achieve a satisfactory and permanent solution."

Germany, continues the journal, must bear the responsibility for the war since she undertook the invasion of Soviet Russia. "Our sympathy goes to the Soviet Union and we are confident in ultimate victory for the Soviets."

AGAINST FACT

(The paper, referring to the Axis alliance, states: "To understand the significance of the Tripartite Pact, we must draw attention to the aims against the Comintern Pact. The powers of Germany, Italy and Japan always considered the four democracies—China, Britain, the United States and Soviet Russia—as their common enemies. Other signatories of the Pact will probably clarify their attitude shortly in support of Germany."

"Since the Axis Powers form a united front against the democracies," concludes the paper, "it is time for Soviet Russia to join the democracies giving particular attention to the Axis partner in the Far East."

GERMANS LOSE 30 AIRCRAFT

R.A.F. "INVASION" OF N. FRANCE

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. "invasion" of Northern France on Sunday for the second day cost German 30 fighters. It is now disclosed.

An Air Ministry communique states that fighters of the R.A.F. were again over the Channel and Northern France in strength on Sunday afternoon.

Continuing, the communique states: "Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command which accompanied them bombed the marshalling yard at Hazebrouck which handles traffic to the Channel ports."

"Many German fighters were inflicted on them. Our fighters destroyed 27 of them and a number of others were severely damaged by our fighters and bombers."

"One of our fighter aircraft is missing."

WEST SUIYUAN OPERATIONS

WEST SUIYUAN, June 23 (Central).—The Japanese troops operating in West Suiyuan have suffered a further reverse as a result of their recent defeat in the Anpeh-Kuyang area by the Chinese.

On June 9, the Japanese launched a 3-column attack from the two towns but they were severely intercepted and routed following severe engagements. In addition, to heavy casualties inflicted, the Chinese have also captured large quantities of arms and supplies from the Japanese.

WOP PRISONERS AT JIMMA

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—Italians prisoners taken at Jimma are officially estimated at 8,000.

These include one Corps commander, two divisional commanders and eight brigadiers.

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LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian Cabinet held an emergency meeting yesterday, states a despatch from Sofia.

R. A. F. RAIDS

Referring to last night's R. A. F. raids on North-west Germany, the communique says: "A small number of explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped, damaging buildings in residential districts at Bremen and other localities, fighters and artillery shooting down three of the attacking aircraft."

"BASE FASCISM"

MOSCOW, June 23 (Reuter).—Russian metal workers have announced their great determination to work hard to supply the Red Army against the provocative attack of "base Fascism," according to the Tass official News Agency.

"We assure the Government were united and rallied as never before. We will display unparalleled self-denial in the struggle for metal."

"They fear that a quick victory over Russia would place Germany in a geographical and political position to attack Japan."

INFLUENTIAL JAPANESE FEAR QUICK VICTORY

NEW YORK, June 23 (Reuter).—"High United States Government circles hope the German attack on Russia may lead Japan NOT ONLY TO BREAK HER AXIS TIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE BUT ALSO TO ABOUT FACE AND OPPOSE GERMANY," states the Washington correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES.

"While this appears fantastic," he adds, "it is being expressed persistently in the same circles that a week ago it was predicted that Hitler wanted war with Russia."

"The reason given is that many influential Japanese are convinced Germany seeks world domination due to the manner in which she has taken over Italy and attacked the Soviet with which she had a non-aggression pact."

"They fear that a quick victory over Russia would place Germany in a geographical and political position to attack Japan."

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Attack On Russia Preparation For Final Assault On Britain

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—London papers this morning follow Mr. Churchill's lead, the general viewpoint being that, as Britain had promised Russia technical and economic assistance and the fact that Herr Hitler had once more broken a treaty signed only 22 months ago, CAN ONLY MEAN THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE WITH HITLER.

THE TIMES says, "Nobody in this country will yield to the temptation of congratulating himself on the momentary diversion of Herr Hitler's forces towards the East. The attack on Russia may merely be further preparation for the final assault on Great Britain."

No Change In Anglo-Finn Relations

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—Despite a report to the contrary, there is at present no change in Anglo-Finnish relations and the British Minister and his Staff still remain in Helsinki, Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent learns in authoritative circles in London today.

While it is true that the Allies of Germany are foes of Britain, as the Prime Minister pointed out last night, there is no confirmation whatever in London that the Finns have decided to fight with or ally themselves to the Germans.

DIFFERENT MATTER

Should they do so, it will, of course, be a different matter as the British Government has repeatedly stated that they reserve all rights to hit the Germans wherever they find them.

If the Finns were fighting with or allied to the Germans, it is hardly likely that the Soviet Minister would remain in Helsinki. He is still there and not even asked for his papers.

The Finnish Minister also remains at his post in Moscow. Furthermore, the Finnish Minister in Washington made it quite plain in an official statement that Finland is not at war and her relations with Russia continue as hitherto.

The war expenditure of New Zealand up to the end of March was £36,000,000, of which £17,000,000 was from special taxation and £2,681,000 from gifts and interest on loans.

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MEZZE AIRPORT CAPTURED

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EVERY FACILITY
DAMASCUS, June 23 (Reuter).—Immediately after Vichy elements had withdrawn from Damascus the local authorities issued orders that every facility was to be granted to British and Free French Forces, and that their entry was to be welcomed.

These orders were not difficult to obey since the population was obviously pleased to receive the Allied troops and glad that the withdrawal of Vichy troops had avoided the possibility of armed siege.

The townspeople realised that the troops had arrived to make good General Catroux's promise that Syria should be free.

GREAT DELIGHT

The French garrison had evacuated Damascus on Thursday, to the great delight of the population, but finding that the Allies were not ready to enter they had returned.

The first to enter Damascus were Allied representatives.

Pierce fighting on the outskirts of the capital had led the Allies to believe that very strong resistance would be put up and the actual surrender came much sooner than was expected. It is now believed that isolated resistance, which was proving troublesome between Kuneitra and Damascus, has been largely broken up and the forces had retreated northwards.

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Damascus Is Occupied By Free French

CAIRO, June 23 (Reuter).—More local gains everywhere on the Syrian front are recorded in yesterday's G.H.Q. communique.

The communique states: "As the result of continued pressure by British, Indian and Free French troops, Vichy forces yesterday evacuated Damascus which was occupied by Free French troops."

"In all other areas fighting is continuing with local gains everywhere to our credit."

The occupation of Damascus is likely to be the turning point in the Syrian campaign.

From Damascus, Allied forces can strike in two directions. They can turn westwards towards Beirut. This road is difficult and easily defended for it crosses two ranges of mountains.

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DAMASCUS, June 23 (Reuter).—Immediately after Vichy elements had withdrawn from Damascus the local authorities issued orders that every facility was to be granted to British and Free French Forces, and that their entry was to be welcomed.

These orders were not difficult to obey since the population was obviously pleased to receive the Allied troops and glad that the withdrawal of Vichy troops had avoided the possibility of armed siege.

The townspeople realised that the troops had arrived to make good General Catroux's promise that Syria should be free.

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Youth Found Not Guilty On Robbery Count

A 17-year-old youth, CHAK CHEUK-KWAN, who was charged before Mr. Justice Cressall at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a robbery count was discharged, after evidence had been called, when the jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty by a 5-2 majority.

SUMMARY COURT CLAIM FOR JUNK

Judgment Awarded To Plaintiff

The case in which a Hongkong registered junk, which was alleged by the defence to have aided the Japanese in a piratical act on the high seas, formed the subject of an action was concluded at the Summary Court yesterday when Mr. Justice E. H. Williams awarded judgment with costs to the plaintiff.

The plaintiff, Mak Shiu, of No. 15 Ko Shing Street, first floor, claimed for the return of the junk No. 3345H, and its appurtenances or its value, \$1,000, and costs of the action from Lam Cheung-wing, of No. 386 Castle Peak Road.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. O. d'Almada and the defendant by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

The defence, as stated in a previous hearing, was that although the plaintiff might have been at one time the owner of the junk, nevertheless, through a certain action on his part, which amounted to piracy on the high seas, coupled with the alleged fact that the Japanese in the Swatow district captured defendant's own junk with the aid, apparently, of plaintiff and his crew, gave to the defendant this particular junk.

JAPANESE PLANES RAID CHENGKU

CHUNGKING, June 23 (Reuters). Thirty-six Japanese aircraft in two waves raided Szechuen yesterday.

The first wave of nine machines after entering the province from Hankow at 9 p.m., passed Chungking and flew westward and bombed Chengtu, the capital of Szechuen.

SINO MERCHANT ALLEGEDLY INTIMIDATED

Senior Chinese R.O. Among Accused

At the continued hearing before Major A. N. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy yesterday of an intimidation charge against 12 persons, including six Chinese revenue officers, among whom is Senior Revenue Officer, Mo Kang, 51, and two women, Yu Yuk-lin, 21, and Li Lo-se, 20, complainant, Chu Pak-yuen, 29, merchant, of No. 109, Des Voeux Road Central, third floor, was recalled to the witness box for further cross-examination, on the application of the defence.

Defendants were alleged to have threatened Chu, on April 9, with injury with intent to alarm him. Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, assisted by Det. Sgt. W. Summers, appeared for the prosecution, while defendants, who are \$100 bail each, were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

In cross-examination, complainant denied the suggestion that after the case had come up in Court, he had demanded \$100 tea money from one of the defendants for the purpose of dropping of evidence against him.

Mr. Silva: Did you coach witnesses for the prosecution or not? Complainant: No. How do you know? You are telling a lie.

Mr. Silva at this point submitted to the Magistrate to direct complainant to answer directly to questions and not to get personal with him (Mr. Silva).

The case against the defendants is coached evidence.—No.

The purpose of bringing up the case in Court is to demand money for settlement outside of Court.—No.

Hearing was then adjourned to tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH (New Hampshire), June 23 (Reuters).—The United States Navy has abandoned all efforts to reach the submarine 0-9 as no possibility of life exists in the submarine.

Crown Land Auction

Factory To Be Built On The Site

A four-storied factory will soon rise on the piece of Crown land registered as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4310, situated at Ha Heu Road, To Kwa Wan, between K.L.L. No. 4047 and K.L.L. No. 1834, according to Mr. Hong Yee-hing, the successful bidder for this lot when it was put up for public auction at the Public Works Department offices yesterday.

Mr. E. B. Lambert, FRGS, Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands, was the auctioneer.

With an area of approximately 3,720 square feet and an annual rental of \$68, bidding for this lot started at \$2,700. In bids of \$100 (and one of \$210) the piece of land was finally knocked down to Mr. Hong Yee-hing for \$4,300, or approximately \$1.15 per square foot.

The building covenant stipulated that in the event of a factory being erected on the site the rateable value must not be less than \$12,000. Should, however, the purchaser desire to build both residential premises and a factory or residential premises only then the rateable improvement must not be less than \$16,000.

SALVATION WORK OF C.I.C.

Mrs. Frances B. Sayre, wife of the American High Commissioner to the Philippines and Honorary President of the Philippine branch of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives, broadcast from Manila yesterday on behalf of the C.I.C.

Mrs. Sayre declared that the C.I.C. was carrying on its work of salvation and helping to keep the Chinese nation alive by its independent method of industry.

She paid a tribute to the pioneer work which was done by the Philippine Committee of the C.I.C.

WASHINGTON, June 23 (Reuters).—Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, made an unusual call yesterday, conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles for two hours.

MYSTERY OF THE RUINED HOSIERY

Washington.—It took a high wind show government officials what makes a woman maddest, fastest.

Prior to the great discovery, romanticists held that a woman scorned was tops in upset femininity. Another school of thought said a mother defending her young put out fury unexcelled.

But for shrill, militant outrage, for triple-distilled annoyance and berserk beauty on the loose, the government officially gives you—don't take her if you're smart—a gal with a run in her brand-new hosiery.

It all started one morning when a high wind whistled down Pennsylvania Avenue as thousands of trim limbed government stenographers were going to work. Of a sudden, dozens of them began venting high-pitched squeals. Stockings were popping all over the place. Ugly ladders climbed past pump knees. Lace work appeared where had been a glistening expanse of silken calf.

Q. Were the girls burned up?
A. The girls were burned to a crisp.

On some large government offices, not a girl escaped ruin of her stockings.

Twice again, on days of high wind, the stocking devastation was repeated. The chorus of complaint rose to crescendo. It's no joke to a working girl—and the capital has thousands—when dollar-a-pair hose go with the wind.

Scientific sleuths narrowed the zone of complaints to a 20-block square area downtown. Painstakingly, bureau of standards investigators checked possible causes. The chemical analysis showed that acid was eating holes in the hosiery.

H. K. Kugel, district smoke inspector, took up the chase where the bureau of standards left off. He's conducting a chimney by-chimney inspection in the "stocking pox" area.

But it's an even bet that district officials never announce the loca-

DID THE FRENCH GENERAL READ THIS BOOK?

Seven years ago a comparatively unknown captain in the French Army wrote a book which, by virtue of its prophetic character, may some day rank him as the outstanding exponent of the most revolutionary military strategy of this age. The Army of the Future, by Gen. Charles de Gaulle (Philadelphia: Lippincott, \$2), is the first English translation of this remarkable little volume.

A perusal of its pages impels the conclusion that if the French General Staff read it, they must have discounted it as the work of an over-imaginative subordinate officer.

SOLUTION OFFERED

To another General Staff, however, this treatise offered a solution to that stalemate of modern armies, the war of position. Here was lucidly presented a new technique which employed lightning thrust and manoeuvre as its basic methods. Nazi generals must have read with mingled surprise and approval the French captain's conception of the modern striking force as described thus:

Six divisions of the line completely motorised and "caterpillarised," and partly armoured, will constitute an army suitable for carrying through a campaign. It will be an organism whose front, depth, and means of protection and supply will allow it to operate independently. Each one of the six larger units will, furthermore, be provided with all that it needs in the way of weapons and supply services to carry on the battle from beginning to end even if it is encircled by others. One may picture as follows the composition of each division:

WHAT IS NEEDED

A heavily armoured brigade, moving across country as fast as a horse at a gallop, armed with 500 guns of medium caliber, 400 smaller pieces, and 600 machine-

guns, crossing ditches three yards wide, climbing mounds 30 feet high, felling 40-year-old trees, knocking down walls 12 bricks wide, crushing all obstacles, barriers and hedgerows—this is what industry can today provide for every professional division. This brigade of two regiments, one of heavy tanks, the other of medium tanks, with a reconnaissance battalion of very fast light machines provided with improved equipment for liaison, observation and field work, will constitute the principal echelon of the larger unit.

"PANZER" IDEA

There can be little doubt that in the foregoing was born the idea for the now famous "Panzer Divisions" which crushed Poland, crashed through Holland and Belgium, and finally struck at the heart of France itself. It is obvious that with German military energy and thoroughness the ideas of De Gaulle were translated into reality. It is likewise very clear that the co-ordination of armoured divisions with overwhelming air assault found inspiration in the writings.

In view of the geographical vulnerability of France as pointed out in the opening chapters of the book, it seems almost incredible that such obvious defects as an incomplete Maginot line should not have stirred action to provide an adequate mobile armoured force.

In the light of subsequent events this book will stand as an indictment of the French High Command, for failure to grasp its significance. Had they done so, though speculation is perhaps idle, it seems reasonable to assume that France would today be unbeaten.

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TRUTH ABOUT LOST PERU COLONY

BY RICARDO LEON

Lima, Peru.—Nine months ago two Peruvian aviators, forced down in wild, uninhabited headwater forests of the Amazon, discovered a colony of 50 families who knew nothing of current world events.

"Who won the war?" the lost colony asked. And to the amazement of the aviators, Peruvian Army Captain Luis Conterno and Lieut. Alberto Bolo Elmore, they discovered the question referred to the 1914-1918 conflict rather than to the present emergency.

For two hours the pilot conversed in rudimentary Spanish with headmen of the settlement, and then, their motor repaired, they reached Lima with a strange tale.

They had discovered, they said, a true "lost" colony, in a region known as Madri de Dios. This is located at the mouth of the river Pinquén, near the upper Amazon, a densely jungled, almost impenetrable wilderness in which the Peruvian government recognized the existence of only a few itinerant missionary priests and an occasional trader. Civilization had passed the river Pinquén by, although the locality abounded in game and fish.

The region, the aviators said, was truly a paradise, but apparently a deserted one. However, as they worked on their plane, they became aware that they were being watched by inquisitive eyes from the undergrowth. Years ago, that jungle was the foraging ground of cannibalistic savages and (as Captain Conterno surmised) that perhaps the last remnants of this tribe, attracted by the falling plane, had reached the little clearing where the helpless aviators were stranded. But when Captain Conterno fingered his revolver, the mysterious "savages" began shouting in simple Spanish, "No, no, we are Peruvians, we are friends."

CUT OFF FROM WORLD

The aviators then were shown how the colony lived and heard a strange story. For 25 years the colonists had been completely cut off from the world. Originally a group of rubber workers returning toward the coast had been cut off by a landslide. Unable to get out and harassed by the cannibals, they had organized into a co-operative society. As years passed a new generation grew up knowing of civilization only what the elders were able to teach.

Thus the aviators found rudimentary fires and cooking utensils and other evidences of primitive existence. They were shown how the colony lived by hunting and fishing as had the Indians in earlier days.

The report returned to Lima by the two aviators attracted the attention of Dr. Paul Fejos, head of the Wennergren Swedish American Scientific expedition which was in Peru. Dr. Fejos determined to seek out the lost colony, and he reached the settlement after a nine-day trip.

What he found was almost as amazing as a "lost" colony, if not as romantic. For after two days he proved that this "lost" colony preferred to be lost, and that it was not lost at all. The story told the aviators had been a carefully skinned "yarn" of half truths, half-mistakenments and imaginative embellishments. The truth was that the lost colony did not want to be discovered.

At first, Dr. Fejos was told exactly the same story as had been given by the colonists to the army fliers. But the artifices which had fooled the aviators failed against the scientist who had spent a lifetime studying the South American tribes and jungles. Dr. Fejos observed that much of the clothing of the "lost" colony was not made of old materials or forest supplies, but was of fairly recent manufacture. There he noticed that many of the men knew a great deal more about the forest than they were supposed to, for a distance of several hundred miles.

Pursuing this evidence, Dr. Fejos proved that the colony had definite contact with the outside world, but did not mingle with outsiders.

For more than fifteen years the colony lived without contact with civilization, and then around 1913-14 furtive contacts were made with the outside world. Men from the Cuzco zone stumbled on the lost settlement. They were men outside the law, contrabandists and smugglers. Here before them was a rich harvest: a large group of men and women who could cultivate tobacco and distill alcohol on a grand scale, without fear of discovery by government agents.

COLONY PROSPERS

Hence the colony began to prosper on contraband gains. The illegal enterprises they had formed of necessity they continued for profit. They did not want to be

discovered. Until the aviators blundered on them, they had no fear of discovery. Hence their tale of half-truth.

So friendly did Dr. Fejos become with the colonists, that when he was about to leave they offered to show him an easier passage than the arduous nine-day overland route which he had used on the way in. In canoes by way of the Alto Madre de Dios river, a dangerous stream with a strong current, the colonists took Dr. Fejos and his party to Cuzco. At his first contact with civilization, they halted and would go no further. They told Dr. Fejos they preferred their semi-savage, semi-civilized existence to the modern world which had grown up in the past 25 years.

Dr. Fejos reported to Emilio Del boy, a member of the Peruvian Congress from the Cuzco region, who sent priests from Puerto Maldonado to minister to the colony. But the colonists shied the priests and drove them off. It seems that some of the early contraband traders disguised as priests had kidnapped several girls from the "lost" colony.

INDIA ALIVE TO GROWING DANGER OF RAIDS

BOMBAY, June 22 (Reuter).—Recent events in the Middle and Near East have served to heighten India's realization of the growing danger of foreign raids and public attention, official and unofficial, is focussing on the precautionary measures against possible air raids.

While it is generally felt that the building of up-to-date underground shelters are considered unnecessary at the present and too expensive, authorities of bigger cities, like Calcutta and Madras, are contemplating the construction of slit trenches and private enterprise co-operation is also being stimulated.

The United Provinces Government has constituted a provincial committee which heads the major departments to co-ordinate quicker work on A.R.P. and civic guard services.

Karachi is alive to its strategic position and is well ahead in the civic protection scheme and contemplates fresh taxation by the municipal corporation to finance the scheme.

WAR FUNDS MOUNTING
Meanwhile, money contributions for the war funds are steadily increasing. Bengal's total contribution for war purposes is over £700,000.

The Bombay War Gifts fund remitted £25,000 for the purchase of fighters for the R.A.F. in addition to £100,000 already remitted. The fund has also given £30,000 for the provision of armoured carriers for the Indian Army, £7,500 for the relief of families of the Indian fighting forces.

Emergency Meeting Of Swedish Govt.

STOCKHOLM, June 23 (Reuter).—The Swedish Cabinet held an emergency meeting yesterday morning.

The King arrived at the Royal Palace for his country residence at 10.15 a.m. where he received the Foreign Minister, M. Guenther, and the Premier, Per Albin Hansson, 15 minutes later.

The interview lasted till 11.20 a.m. The Swedish radio sent out numerous messages to ships at sea, instructing them to return immediately to Swedish ports in view of the Russo-German war.

U.S. GOVT. TAKES OVER RUBBER IMPORTS

WASHINGTON, June 22 (Reuter).—The Government has suspended private imports of rubber from the Far East and has ordered a 20 per cent. cut in civilian consumption for the next six months.

The Federal Loan Administrator, Mr. Jesse Jones, announced yesterday that as from Monday the Rubber Reserve Company, a Government corporation, will become the sole buyer of crude rubber exported from the Far East to the United States.

He explained that this action had been taken to accelerate the accumulation of the Government's reserve supplies and facilitate distribution to industry for defence and commercial requirements.

The Government monopoly of Far Eastern imports will, in effect, given Government control over rubber supplies at the source since virtually all United States imports are from British Malaya and Dutch East Indies.

LONDON'S NEW POTATO BARS PROVE SUCCESS

LONDON.—With a hundred recipes on hand, London's first Potato Bars have opened and are proving a gigantic success.

Selling potatoes hot and cold, sweet and savory, in far more different forms, and combined with far more different estabes than could ever be imagined, the Potato Bars are giving the popular Milk Bars some close competition.

This is the beginning of the Ministry of Food's scheme for promoting snack bars to crusade the cause of the plentiful and nutritious potato—helped out by carrots, sprats, and other foods which they want the public to consume in increasing quantities.

This follows the experiments of experts who have discovered a hundred ways of serving in potato. Not only will the bars be open for the sale of potatoes, but one corner of the bar will be reserved for nonstop demonstrations to housewives on how to cook them.

To name a few varieties, there are green potato soups, sunset mashed potatoes, coffee potato scones, "Pigs in Clover," "Jack in the Box" and "Piccaninlies." It is hoped by the Ministry of Food that the big stores will soon set up luxury specimens of their own, and that in time potatoes will be a worthy substitute for the present popular fish and chips.

FRENCH SILVER FOR SPAIN

VICHY, June 22 (Reuter).—One hundred and twenty tons of silver and silver coins are to be handed over to the Spanish State.

The silver was sold towards the close of the Civil War and placed in a Belgian Bank.

Following the capitulation of Belgium and France, and as a result of the decision of the Paris Court, this treasure is now to be returned to the Spanish Government, the Vichy News agency announces.

AMERICAN AIRCRAFT FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, June 23 (B.W.S.).—Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Chief of Staff, made a technical examination of some of the American aircraft which have recently been delivered to the R.A.F. during a private visit to an aerodrome in the Home Counties recently.

They included the Douglas DBT, which, when converted for night fighting, is known as the Havoc, the big four-engined Boeing B17C bomber, better known as "Flying Fortress," and the Curtiss "Tomahawk" single seat fighter now doing good service with the R.A.F. in Britain and the Middle East.

SHIPPING DEBATE POSTPONED

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—A statement will be made on recent developments in foreign affairs at the next sitting of the House of Commons.

Announcing this, a statement from No. 10 Downing Street says: "Owing to the foreign situation the debate on shipping, which had been arranged for the next sitting of the House of Commons, will be postponed."

SALE OF SINO SUPPLY BONDS A SUCCESS HERE

The campaign soliciting subscriptions to the NC\$1,200,000,000 Military Supply Bonds launched in Hongkong recently is meeting with enthusiastic support.

According to the latest estimate, a total of more than NC\$3,660,000 worth of the Bonds have already been subscribed to. Of this amount, the local Chinese banks, including the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications, the Bank of East Asia, the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, the Bank of Canton, the Kwangtung Provincial Bank, the Bank of Kwangsi, the Yien Yieh Commercial Bank and the Overseas-Chinese Banking Corporation have pledged an aggregate total of NC\$3,500,000.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has pledged NC\$150,000 while the different Executives of the Chamber have also promised to subscribe NC\$75,000. The Fung Keung Rubber Manufactory, Ltd., alone has subscribed NC\$10,000.

RICE PRICE IN KWEILIN LOWERED

KWEILIN, June 23 (Central).—The price of rice which rose to about \$80 per shih a week ago has now dropped to more than \$50 per shih, following the arrival of large shipments.

A bumper rice harvest in south Kwangsi is expected in view of sufficient rainfall during the present summer season.

RICE SHORTAGE IN EAST CHEKIANG

CHUNGKING, June 23 (Central).—Arrangements have been made between the Kiangsi and Chekiang Provincial Governments whereby 10,000 sacks of rice will be shipped from Kiangsi to east Chekiang to relieve the shortage there.

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STOCK EXCHANGE.				SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.			
Buyer	Sellers	Stake	Nominal	MONDAY 23 JUNE.	Buyer	Sellers	Nominal
				Banks			
£1316	£79	H K Banks .....	...	...	£131
...	£76	Do (Col. Reg.) .....	...	...	£79
...	£87	Do (Lon. Reg.) .....	...	...	£76
...	£234	Chartered Banks .....	...	...	£87
...	£114	Mercantile Bks "A" .....	...	...	£234
£72	Mercantile Bks "C" .....	...	...	£114
...	Bank of East Asia	£714	...	...
...	N C & S Banks	17 ct.	...	...
...	Insurances			
£210	...	X.D	...	Union Insurances .....	...	...	C.D. £220
...	X.D	...	£400	Union Insurances .....	...	...	X.D. £400
...	£1	Underwriters .....	...	76 cts	...
£1774	H K Fires .....	...	...	£176
				Shipping			
...	£128	Douglas .....	...	...	£120
...	£8	Steambout .....	...	...	£8
...	Indo China (Pref.) .....	...	...	£80
£80	£60	Indo China (Def.) .....	...	...	£80
...	43/14	Shells .....	...	...	43/14
...	£6.56	Waterbouts .....	...	...	£6 1/2
				Docks, Wharves Godowns, etc			
£87	H K & K Wharves .....	...	...	£87
£5.20	Provident	£5.10	...	£5.10
£15	H K Docks (Old) .....	...	...	...
...	H K Docks (New) .....	...	...	...
...	£27 1/2	Shanghai Docks .....	...	...	£27 1/2
				Mining			
...	11/0	Lachans .....	...	...	11/0
...	£8	Rauhs .....	...	...	£8
14 cts.	Hong Kong Mines .....	...	...	...
				Land, Hotels and Buildings			
£2.95	H K & S Hotels	£2.90	...	...
£314	H K Lands .....	...	...	£31
...	£974	Do 4 th Deventures .....	...	...	£974
...	£154	Shanghai Lands .....	...	...	£154
£24	H K Realms .....	...	£3	...
...	£6.40	Humbroes .....	...	...	£6.4
...	Chinese Estates .....	...	...	...
£96	X.D.	...	...	Caston Mills .....	...	...	...

	\$36c	Ewo (S)			\$36
	\$26c	Wah Cotton (S)			\$26
		Zooing Sings (S)			
		Wing On Textiles (S)			\$12
		Public Utilities			
\$16.10		H. K. Tramways	\$16		
		Peak Trans (old)			\$74
	\$3c	Peak Trans (new)	\$47c		\$34
	\$61c	Star Ferries	\$21c		
\$6c	\$21.36	Ymat Ferries	\$21c	\$325	
		China Lights (O)	\$6.75	\$1.40	
	\$1c	China Lights (New)	\$1.25		
X.Rts.	\$21.60	H. K. Electric (Old)	\$22	X.R.	
	\$21	H. K. Electric (New)			\$21
	\$10c	H. K. Electric (Rts)			\$11
	\$18c	Macao Electric			
		Macao Electric			
	\$11.70	Sandakan Lights			
\$22		Telephones (old)			\$22
	\$6c	Telephones (new)			\$6
		Industrials			
	\$30	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S			
	\$25	Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S			
	\$1	Canton Ice			75 c
\$13c		Cements	\$13c		
\$7.30		H. K. Rope	\$7.35		
		H. K. Govt. Loans			

...	...	\$97 1/2	4% Loan	94 1/2
...	...	\$94 1/2	3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/2
...	...	\$94	3 1/2% (1940)	94
...	...		Miscellaneous	
\$17	...		Dairy Farms	\$17
\$6 1/2	...		Recreations	\$6 1/2
...	...	\$1.80	Constructions (old)	\$1.80
...	...	\$1	Constructions (new)	\$1
...	...	\$6.45	ane Crawfords	X.D.	\$6.45
...	...		Nanyang Tobacco	\$3.50	
...	...	\$2.10	Silver	\$2.20	
\$9.70	...		Water	
...	...	\$3.28	Ch. 0.5% 1922 G.S. Bds.	\$3.28
...	...	\$2.90	Ch. B. Wing On	\$2.90
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...	...	\$7.20	Vibro Piling	\$7.20
...	...	6/3	Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	6/3
...	...	2/14	Marsmans Inv. (R.K.)	2/14
X.D.	...	\$1.20	Wm. Powells	\$1.20
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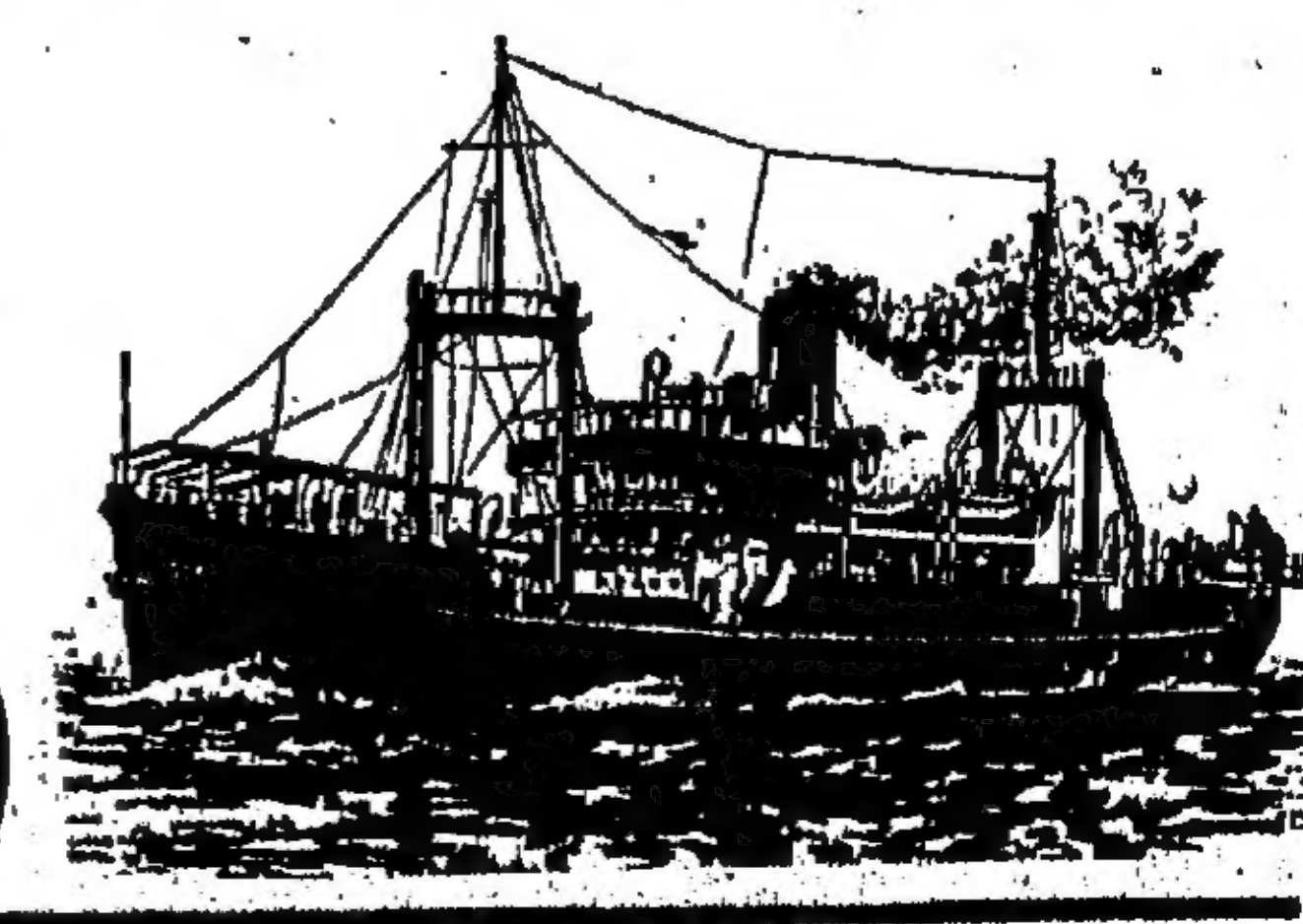
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WAR HASTENING MANY REFORMS IN BRITAIN

How the war and the necessity for putting out the utmost effort on the part of the whole population of the British Isles are affecting parliamentary and social reform in Britain was sketched out in a broadcast talk recently by John Harford, over Station XCDN. All reform movements have been considerably hastened by war developments, he said. His talk follows:—

"Changing Britain" is a subject which has been much written about and spoken about in recent months and Mr. J. B. Priestley summarized what will be needed after the war by way of social reconstruction in a few short sentences which I should like to repeat to you and to emphasize.

DRASTIC REFORM

"Following a drastic reform of (Parliamentary) representation itself," he said "I think social reconstruction will be compelled to answer these essential demands, for a minimum social standard for everybody; for the public control of land, banking, and all essential services, for a complete reorganization of our educational system and the Civil Service; for a national scheme of re-housing and town planning, for a progressive annual tax on all property; for the abolition of all forms of privilege." He then went on to say, "I believe some of these reforms to be already starting on their way to meet us. I believe many others, already existing in the public mind will not be far behind."

ALREADY STARTING

This is a wide and far reaching programme and the reason why I think Mr. Priestley's words to be deserving of emphasis is that, as he says, these reforms are already starting. It is necessary for British people who will be affected by these changes no less than people of other nationalities who look to Britain to take a lead in creating a new pattern of social existence in Europe, to realize that it is to the future we should look and look with confidence, turning our backs on the murdies and mistakes of the past and remembering them only for the lessons they teach of what not to do.

Britain has often been criticized for being an oligarchy masquerading as a democracy, but the truth is that though Britain no more than any other country presents a perfect picture of democracy she has a system of realise the democratic ideal. And I think it is worth while reminding you what the democratic ideal is.

DEMOCRATIC IDEAL

It is a conviction that individual human beings matter most; that they matter more than the state, or anything else at all. It is a belief that everyone should have an equal chance to a reasonable development as an individual human being. It is a belief that governments should exist not only to benefit the people but also to represent them as a whole.

Democracies, therefore, as they represent attempts to realise this ideal differ widely and can be more or less perfect.

In Britain progress has always been gradual since it is entirely against the character of the British people to make clean sweeps and start again from scratch. This led her to stand up against the great upheaval of the French Revolution a hundred and fifty years ago and transform it into a political system and social order from

which all Europe benefited and which endured for a century. This must lead her in concert with the United States to transform the present gangster rule which the Axis powers are trying to impose on the world a system more nearly approaching a perfect democracy than the world has yet seen.

MOMENTUM INCREASING

What is compelling this movement in Britain is the sheer drive of the war effort itself, and now it is agreed that changes in the economic and social structure must be made, the momentum of those changes is and must be increasing.

Inequalities still exist, not, as a result of privilege, however, but from the mere possession of wealth which makes it possible for some people and not others to buy the non-rationed food the railway tickets and so on that enable them to mitigate some of the severities of total war. These inequalities are being modified in a way that would not be apparent outside the country, and the first steps towards the equalitarian ideal of democracy are being taken.

British democracy has managed to work reasonably well in spite of obvious and numerous defects. And the best proof that it has worked well is that in the last hundred years the system has become more, not less, democratic. In spite of all the undemocratic handicaps it has inherited from the past, and all the new anti-democratic burdens that the laissez-faire post war period managed to pile on its back.

BRITON'S RIGHTS

The average Englishman has for generations had the sense of being reasonably free to do and say what he likes, of being able to express his political views freely and fairly effectively, of being free to organize with others to stand up for his rights and interests, of belonging to a country which on the whole has consistently stood for freedom of being given a reasonable opportunity to make something worth while out of his individual life. Of late years that sense has been somewhat shaken by economic insecurity and the threat of war looming over Europe. And for the better prosecution of the war he has had to give up some of the liberties to which he has been accustomed.

But this sense of freedom and so on which the Englishman has enjoyed is a very real form of democracy and is a part of himself. It is something born into him which didn't exist in any of the people who have found themselves saddled with dictatorial regimes of which the majority of them are longing to be rid.

The freedoms and opportunities which have been achieved in the past no less than the better opportunities and more perfect freedom to which they aspire in the future, are what the democratic peoples are determined shall not be lost, are in fact what they are fighting for.

London Is Centre Of Free Nations

King Haakon of Norway attended a luncheon held at Frascall's Restaurant, Oxford Street, some time ago to celebrate the formation of the Norwegian P.E.N. Club in England. An address was given by Dr. Wilhelm Kellhaug, historian and writer on scientific, who was president of the P.E.N. in Oslo until the German occupation, and on whose initiative London has become the temporary seat of the Norwegian Centre. Miss Storm Jameson, president of London P.E.N. presided.

"NEW ORDER"

Dr. Kellhaug said that the first fatal fault of Hitler was that he did not make even an attempt to include in his so-called "new order" the traditions of the Great German poets and thinkers. The Norwegian people were fighting to maintain the traditions of the people and mental freedom. The future would give the strongest power ever seen — an ironclad cooperation between the democracies and a union of all free nations.

The union would assemble under one axis in London, and in this hemisphere London would be its natural capital. All negotiations for the peace to come would take place in London. In this age the great struggle was between ideologies and ideals, and ideals would win.

CITY OF FREEDOM

The Norwegian Government had resolved to establish in London after the war an Anglo-Norse Scientific Institute, to which all writers would be welcome. There would always be in London so many P.E.N. writers that the existence of their club would be secure for a long time, and it would play its part in the British-Norwegian co-operation.

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GERMAN PANZER DIVISIONS WILL FIND THE RED ARMY A "TOUGH NUT TO CRACK"

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—With the Russo-Finnish conflict in mind there is a fairly widespread opinion that the German Panzer divisions will "go through Russia like a knife through butter" and that the Luftwaffe will have no difficulty in smashing up the Russian Air Force, writes Reuter's former correspondent in Finland.

After what I saw of the Russian army and air force in action in Finland, and I have interviewed many Russian prisoners, I am definitely of opinion that the Germans have no easy task before them.

The Russians have learned much from their war against Finland and have not been slow to profit thereby. The Russian air force's performance in Finland was disappointing but it has been considerably improved since.

I understand that the Russians now have several very secret types of bombers and fighters which they confidently believe are a match for any in the world.

These have been seen only by Soviet technicians and State-approved Russian pilots.

Russian pilots have a good reputation. The strength of the Russian air force is a secret which has been closely and successfully guarded.

RUSSIAN PARATROOPS
 Paratroops were first used and trained in Russia and the German pupil should prove no more expert in this branch of fighting than has the Russian master.

As to the army, the Russians can call upon many more men than the Germans who, further, have now many commitments, having to keep large forces in France, Norway and the other occupied countries in the West.

Nobody underestimates the power of the German mechanised divisions. But the Russians, too, have a very fine mechanised corps.

including eight-ton tanks, some of which I saw in Finland.

In armaments generally the Russians are very strong, and if the man behind the guns is not as expert as the Germans, the quantity and quality of Russian material may prevail.

When the Russians started the war against Finland, they sent to the front ill-equipped reserve troops.

FINLAND MISTAKE
 They made the mistake of thinking it was a walk-over and tried to win the war during the coldest winter on record with inexperienced troops.

As soon as the mistake was realised and crack Moscow troops were sent to Finland, together with much of the best Russian material, the capitulation of the Finns was obtained rapidly.

Under similar conditions the Germans would have done no better against the tough Finns than the Russians had at first. True, the Russians were poorly led but this was the result of the many purges and the power held by political commissars.

Stalin, realising this, had reorganised his army, dismissed the political commissars and put the services on a more strictly military footing.

LAST OFFER BY GERMANY

STOCKHOLM, June 23 (Reuter).—The SWEDISH CABINET held another emergency meeting early today to consider, according to the AFTONBLADET, Germany's last offer to make a definite stand.

It is alleged by Berlin that Sweden has been the centre of Communist activity against Germany.

AGAINST RUSSIA

STOCKHOLM, June 23 (Reuter).—Whilst deploring the nearness of the war, Swedish opinion cannot help being against Russia whose gradual approach via the Baltic and Finland, including the Aaland Islands, caused uneasiness.

The newspaper Aftonbladet declares that it is unpardonable and incomprehensible that Britain refused to participate in a united front against a Sovietised East.

Hundreds Of Planes Made Possible By Inventions

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 14 (AP).—Warplane engineers disclosed today the clue to how they have helped make hundreds of fighter ships "grow" where only dozens grew before. It is "Inventions."

Bell Aircraft Corporation, producer of "Aircobra" interceptors, announced a six-month report covering work through April showed its employees turned in 81 ideas, of which 23 already have been adopted.

THE "CLUE"
 Curtiss-Wright Corporation airplane division engineers likewise reported employee-inventions have contributed greatly to the concern's present output of more than 10 P-40 fighters daily.

Inspection of the firms' vast factories forcefully illustrated the "clue."

Engineers, pointing to long lines of planes in the making, asserted the "challenge of the assembly line" has been met.

Here are some of the inventions making this possible:

ANOTHER SUICIDE ATTEMPT

A 26-year-old woman, Li Kam, described as a widow, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday morning suffering from the effects of immersion as the result of an alleged attempt to commit suicide by jumping off the Star Ferry launch Golden Star shortly after 9 a.m.

RIVET-MAKER
 Rivet-maker—a machine which swallows heavy wire from big spools and spouts out rivets like drops of water. Besides turning the rivets out by the hundreds of thousands, the machine has cut rejections from 17 per cent. to less than one per cent., and with a 20 per cent. increase in strength.

PANTOGRAPH ROUTER—a device permitting rapid cutting of stacks of sheet aluminum into desired shapes. Operating like a tailor cutting many pieces of cloth at once, the router lifts production of these parts by 400 per cent.

SPAR CAP MILLING MACHINE—this makes wing beams. Formerly the operation cost \$175, took 100 hours. The invention slashed it to \$3.45 minutes.

LEADING-EDGE ROLLERS—they form the skin for wings' front edges. This process once took three or four hours, now consumes three minutes.

OTHER INVENTIONS
 Other inventions include an automatic drilling and counter sinking machine to build fuselage beams from a bar by a copying technique; cellophane-faced dies to eliminate scratches; and a method of die casting electrical connexion boxes 20 times faster than the old gas-welding system.

Defeating Night Bombers

LONDON.—A secret process for defeating night bomber planes by the use of radio receiver was mentioned by the Canadian Minister of National Defence, Mr. Y. Y. Power, in an appeal for radio technicians for the Royal Canadian Air Force. It is learned in London.

Mr. Power said the system was elaborated by British scientists working in collaboration with research experts of Canada and the United States.

"Details are naturally secret," Mr. Power asserted, "but I can say that, in general terms, it means that by using a great number of small radio sets of modern design technicians posted at ground points all over the British Isles will be able to detect enemy planes in the air and direct anti-aircraft fire with deadly precision."

He added that the British Air Ministry "expects great things of this invention, but it calls for men to make it work."

LOCKHART ROAD ACCIDENT

A European, driving private motorcar No. 304 along Lockhart Road between midnight and 1 a.m. yesterday was alleged to have knocked down a Chinese, Choi Chuen, aged 23 years, who was attempting to cross the street.

The Police were summoned and the man, who was suffering from head injuries, was sent to Queen Mary Hospital.

FALL FROM LORRY

As the result of falling from a lorry at 6 p.m. yesterday when near the Central Market, a coolie, Wong Tang, 38, of No. 17 Battery Street, Kowloon, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from head and body injuries. His condition was stated to be serious.

VICHY TERRITORY BLOCKADE

Djibouti Governor Lodges Protest

LONDON, June 23 (Reuter).—It is learned here that Britain has for some time been blockading all areas in the occupation of the Vichy Government which might be of any advantage to the Germans.

Recently, there was a protest on the part of the Governor of Djibouti against the blockade of French Somaliland on the ground that women and children were made to suffer unduly, particularly from a shortage of milk. The Governor asked that the blockade should be relaxed.

EVACUATION OFFER

The British reply was that unless and until the Governor dissociated himself from the pro-Nazi policy there could be no relaxation of the blockade but that if it was a question of saving women and children the British authorities were willing to evacuate them to some place where they could obtain proper food.

It is understood that no further steps have been taken by the Djibouti Governor.

JAPAN UNDECIDED ON NEXT MOVE

CHUNGKING, June 23 (Central).—The Japanese are apparently yet undecided whether to advance westward or southward, observed the Chinese military spokesman at a Press conference on Friday.

In the opinion of the spokesman it is more prudent for the Japanese neither to advance westward nor southward in view of the risks involved in both.

Recalling the Japanese recent military failure, the spokesman too believed that the Japanese would merely court disaster if they should take the risk of launching a westward drive into China's interior.

As to a Japanese southward push, the spokesman recalled the statement recently made by the Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies expressing that country's firm determination to resist any encroachment. Since Japan is still bogged down in China, she may not dare to start hostile action against another country immediately, he opined.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 24th JUNE, 1941.

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TO STAMP OUT ILLEGAL RENTS

The police authorities in Tokyo have launched a move to make a clean sweep of profiteering landlords who are preying upon tenants, taking advantage of the scarcity of housing accommodations in the capital.

While publishing a set of rules which landlords are required to observe if they wish to avoid getting into trouble, the chiefs of police stations in the area which is under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Police Board have been informed that they are expected not to show the least leniency toward any landlords who should infringe on the rules which were drafted in the interest of the nation.

The police authorities indicated that any violation of the rules made in the interest of regulating house rents would be punished under the National General Mobilization Law. This means that a profiteering landlord would have to face a prison term.

These are the rules which landlords are required to observe under pain of punishment under the general mobilization law with its severe penal clauses.

1. The right house rent is one based on the rate, it any, which had been fixed by August 8th, 1938.
 2. If new rates were fixed between August 8th, 1938 and October 20th, 1939, the right rent is the first new rate fixed during the period.

FIRST RATE FIXED

3. If the house was extended or rebuilt between August 8th, 1939, the right rent is the first rate fixed after it was extended or rebuilt.
 4. If new rents have been fixed since October 21st, 1939, the right rent is the first of them.

5. Rents which have been fixed with the approval of the authorities will not come under the regulations.

An indication of the firm deter-

mination of the authorities to enforce the regulations vigorously is seen in their decision to treble the staff of the house and land department in the economic police bureau of the Metropolitan Police Board. This department for the most part is concerned with the enforcement of measures for regulation of house and land rents.

The chiefs of police stations under the Metropolitan Police Board are under instructions to make a survey of house rents in areas under their respective jurisdiction on June 1st to see whether the new regulations regarding house rents are observed.

The frequency with which profiteering has been charged against landlords in letters to the police authorities was the immediate reason for the campaign against unscrupulous landlords which got under way Friday. A contributing factor was the desire to solve in a negative manner the housing problem which has rapidly been assuming large dimensions in Tokyo for some time.

The police authorities revealed a number of cases of profiteering involving landlords. They will enable an idea to be drawn as to the lengths to which the more unscrupulous of landlords in the city are going in preying upon their tenants. The operator of an apartment house in Uguisudani-cho, Shibuya-ku is alleged to have made profits for himself illegally to the extent of ¥2,980 during the past year and a half.

MONTEVIDEO, June 23 (Reuter)
 —Uruguay will not consider as belligerent any American nation engaged in war outside the American continent. This was announced yesterday by the Foreign Minister, Senor Neufeld, to a specially convoked gathering of diplomatic representatives of the American Republics.